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Debtor-Creditor Compromise "Fair Means" Of Revaluing Yen Payments New Ordinance Has First Reading

The Debtor-Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948—Government's compromise plan for revaluing claims in occupation currency in respect of repayments made during the enemy occupation of the Colony—passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

In a long review and explanation of the measure the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke), who introduced the Bill, said:

"This Bill has been before the public for over two months and as it has aroused some degree of public interest I might perhaps add to the very full explanation given by the Attorney General in the Objects and Reasons, a brief explanation, in non-technical terms, of Government's policy on this controversial matter, and of the purpose which it is hoped to achieve.

"When the enemy overran the Colony at the end of 1941, one of his first steps was to introduce a currency of his own. It was a paper currency which was issued without backing.

"The 'Military Yen' as the new currency unit was called, first circulated at the rate of one Military yen to two Hong Kong dollars, and was subsequently revalued at the rate of one Military yen to four Hong Kong dollars.

"In May 1943 the rate of exchange against the Hong Kong dollar was entirely abolished and the use of the Hong Kong dollar made illegal. This meant that after that date the value of the Military yen depended entirely on the confidence which it could command. It depended in fact on the military prestige of the enemy who issued it.

The following are figures for the value of Military yen notes in circulation during the occupation period:

Dec. 1942... NY 20 1/2 million

1943... NY 300 "

1944... NY 300 "

Aug. 1945... NY 1,963 "

"Another early step that the enemy took, after his occupation of the Colony, was to take over the firms and businesses with whom he was at war. He appointed liquidators and encouraged them to wind up the necessary steps of the winding up was to collect debts owing to these concerns.

In collecting these debts, the Japanese were anxious to secure repayment in Hong Kong currency, the currency in which the debts had been incurred, for they knew just how much their occupation currency was worth. The debtors, who were equally well informed, if they had to pay, tried to repay in Military yen, but were not at all anxious to part with their Hong Kong dollars.

"These points are very relevant in view of the terms of this Bill. Government is aware that there have been cases of hardship; of individuals who had to sell the houses in which they lived, in order to satisfy the demands of the Japanese liquidators for repayment of bank mortgages.

"The point, however, which must be borne in mind in considering these debt payments is that the money did not go to the creditors—to whom it was due, but to the liquidators whom the enemy had placed in charge.

"The question of whether the payments made to the Japanese liquidators constitute, in law, legal discharges of the debts, is one that can only be decided by the courts. Were it to be left to be thrashed out in the courts, two possibilities might ensue. Either the payments might be held to be legal in which case the creditors would suffer the full loss; or the payments might be

held to be illegal, in which case the debtors would have to pay the full sum over again.

"I cannot say what view the courts might take, but whatever might be the decision, it is certain that the loss would fall completely on one side or completely on the other.

"Government cannot envisage without concern the possibility of the creditors being successful, with the result that the debtors would have to pay in full over again, nor does it feel that a decision in favour of the debtors would be altogether, just to creditors.

"After much anxious consideration, and after consultation with His Majesty's Government, this Government feels therefore that to avoid lengthy litigation which must result in inequitable treatment for one side or the other, the only possible course is to provide a compromise. This compromise is expressed in the Bill now before this Council and its terms are as follows:

Terms Of Compromise

"First: where a debtor repaid his debt during the occupation in Hong Kong currency, he is regarded as having validly discharged his debt, regardless of the fact that his creditor may not have received the money. That is, if the Japanese liquidator received the payment, the creditor suffers the full loss. Thus the individual, to whom I referred a moment ago as selling his house to repay the mortgage on it, made the repayment in Hong Kong dollars, he has nothing more to worry about.

"Second: where a debt, incurred before the occupation, fell due for repayment either before or during the occupation period, and payment was demanded and received by the creditor himself, or by his agent, that debt is deemed to have been validly discharged, even if payment were made in occupation currency unless payment in occupation currency were accepted under duress.

"Third: where a debt, incurred before the occupation in Hong Kong currency, was repaid to the liquidator during the occupation period in occupation currency, such repayment shall be regarded as a partial discharge of the debt.

"It is particularly over this last provision that controversy has arisen.

"The Creditors say in effect—'We lent Hong Kong dollars before the enemy came. We have not been repaid a cent either in Hong Kong dollars or in any other currency, and we want repayment in full.'

"Look To Japan"

"The Debtors reply—'We admit having borrowed Hong Kong dollars before the occupation. But the enemy came along and liquidated our creditors, as we believed they were entitled to do. We paid them the full amount they demanded. If our creditors have got nothing of that money, we are very sorry, but that is not our fault. They should look to Japan for reimbursement.'

"If ever a case for compromise existed, this is surely one. The debtor who paid the liquidator undoubtedly parted with value, but his creditor did not receive that value.

"A suitable compromise would be to split the difference and to give the creditor credit against his debt, for half the value with which he parted, and to require him to make up the full balance to his creditor.

"The real difficulty encountered in proceeding to make the compromise effective is just what was the value with which the debtor parted? What was a 'Military yen' worth during the occupation? 'The Japanese valued it at either two Hong Kong dollars or four Hong Kong dollars. Nevertheless relief payments from the United Kingdom to Internees in Hong Kong were converted by the Japanese into yen at 47.10 to

Rickmobile Tests

Preliminary tests of Hong Kong's future motorised rickshaws—rickmobiles—were made in the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday morning.

Mr. G. D. Binstead, Superintendent (Traffic) of Police, drove the rickmobile around to test its speed and other mechanical functions.

More tests will have to be carried out before the vehicles are allowed on the streets.

the pound, which made it worth less than a Hong Kong dollar.

"There are various ways of trying to arrive at a value in terms of Hong Kong currency. We could take the black market exchange rate which existed throughout the occupation; we could take the price of gold; we could take the cost of such necessities of life as rice, fuel, oil and vegetables. Investigations have been made along all these lines, and the table in the schedule is the result.

"Not Perfect"

"It does not reflect the value of the yen during the occupation period, nor yet does it represent the half-value which I suggested as the suitable compromise. I should be foolish if I made any such claim for it, as I should promptly be given specific examples to prove how wrong I was.

"But what I think it does provide is a reasonably fair means of revaluing payments in occupation currency. It does not claim that it is perfect, but perhaps the fact that it is opposed by both creditors and debtors as being against their interests may be taken as indicating that it represents a reasonable compromise.

"If we accept this table the result is like this. A pre-occupation debt, which has been repaid in occupation currency to a liquidator during the occupation, will be held not to have discharged his debt. But the amount which he has paid the liquidator will be converted into Hong Kong dollars in accordance with the table in the Schedule. This sum will be deducted from the original amount due at the beginning of the occupation, and he will have to pay the difference.

"I have deliberately restricted myself to the all-important point of how far payments made during the occupation period are to be regarded as valid. The other provisions in the Bill may all be regarded as subsidiary to this one, and it is on the solution proposed here that the Bill must stand or fall. I cannot but feel that the situation which has arisen as a result of the enemy occupation is one which cries out for compromise. Government has worked out a compromise in terms that it considers fair and equitable, and now presents it to this Council in the form of this Bill.

"It is beside the point to argue whether the Japanese liquidators had any right under International Law to act as they did.

"This Bill arises out of the fact that they did so, and seeks to present a solution of the problems that have been occasioned thereby, a solution which, if accepted by this Council, will at least enable Government to lift the Moratorium which has been with us so long.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) and carried unanimously.

The last instalment of the first volume of the "Churchill Memoirs" published yesterday was titled "The 42nd and Last." This should have been "Forty-First and Last." No instalment has been omitted.

A crowd of 5,000 spectators jammed the streets, forcing a rerouting of traffic.

The woman, who arrived from Hong Kong on Jan. 17, spoke no English. Two interpreters and her lawyer called to her in Chinese from the floor above, while two companies of firemen rigged a large jumping net in the street below.



Palma soldiers (Jewish Commandos) carry an injured comrade from the battlefield high in the Judean mountains. The incident was during the Jew-Arab fight in Bab el Wad on the main Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway. The Jews finally captured the post after many casualties on both sides. Bab el Wad is commonly called "the Valley of Death" because of the heavy death list.

FILM DISTRIBUTORS' THREAT TO WITHDRAW

Shanghai, June 2.
As a protest against the City Government's restrictions on admission price increases in local theatres, eight American film distributors in Shanghai threatened to withdraw from the local market from the end of this month.

Such a move would not only deprive Shanghai of American movies, but would also cut the City Government's amusement tax by two-thirds.

Distributors have presented two demands—that admission prices shall be based on those of 1936 and multiplied by the City Government's monthly cost of living index for salaries and cost of lowest-priced seats in each theatre shall be as of May 1 this year.

Distributors made their threat following a City Government announcement of new ceiling prices for theatres and a stipulation that the lowest-price seats in each theatre should not be less than 30 per cent.

This is the second major threat by the distributors to pull out of Shanghai. Last year, distributors threatened to withdraw from Shanghai when the Bureau of Social Affairs wanted to enforce a "voluntary" contribution of CNY\$3,000 million for flood relief.

Later the Bureau again attempted to saddle the distributors with a "voluntary" contribution to the City Government's winter relief drive.—Reuter.

MOSQUITOS AT KAI TAK

Five Mosquito Aircraft of No. 51 (Photographic Reconnaissance) Squadron R.A.F. commanded by Squadron Leader E.A. Fairhurst, D.F.C. arrived at Kai Tak on Monday at the end of a routine training flight from Singapore. The Squadron will remain in Hong Kong for about a month during which time it will carry out normal photographic reconnaissance duties.

HK WOMAN'S DEATH JUMP FOILED

San Francisco, June 1.
A Chinese woman who planned a 14-storey death leap was trapped and pulled to safety today by two fire inspectors, after she had teetered between life and death for three and a quarter hours on a three-foot ledge.

The woman, 41-year-old Wong Loy, despondent because the immigration authorities refused to allow her to join her American-Chinese husband, Glen Lok of Aberdeen, Washington, climbed out on the 14th storey ledge of Applegate Building today, and defied efforts of firemen, police, and interpreters to lure her from her suicide perch.

Valley Of Death

STEPS TO RELAX TREASURY CONTROL OVER HONG KONG

His Majesty's Government favours in principle the relaxation of Treasury control over Hong Kong, and measures to achieve this object are now in hand.

This announcement was made by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.) in Legislative Council yesterday, replying to the motion put by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale for the termination of Treasury control over Hong Kong.

Mr. Landale's motion asked that having regard to financial difficulties faced by the United Kingdom Government itself as a result of war losses incurred during the war, Hong Kong should accept the proposals contained in H.M. Government's announcement of April 27, 1948, and to seek the immediate termination of Treasury control over the Colony.

Introducing his motion before Council, Mr. Landale said:

"There is considerable desire locally to assist the Home Government in their present financial difficulties, and it is solely for this reason that we do not wish to press for what might crudely be expressed as our 'pound of flesh'.

"The terms offered are in our opinion the least that we were entitled to expect.

"His Majesty's Government's decision not to ask us to pay any contribution towards the cost of the Military Administration is one which the Colony had every right to expect; more particularly in view of the frequent statements made by responsible Ministers of the Crown during the war that the cost of the war as far as the Colonial Empire was concerned would not lie where it fell.

"As regards His Majesty's Government's decision to treat us as a free grant advance made before and after the establishment of Civil Government, amounting to three and a quarter million pounds, such advances fall within the same category as the cost of the Military Administration.

Free Grant Disposal

"As to His Majesty's Government's further offer of £1,000,000 as a free grant to assist the Colony in resolving the problems arising out of expenditure incurred by the war, it seems clear that the whole of this sum and more will be absorbed by expenditure arising out of the war, and I consider that this sum too falls within the same category as the other two items.

"On the other hand, it is also clear that the Colony's finances, with the help given by His Majesty's Government, will be able to meet the additional items of expenditure which this Government will be called upon to bear.

"By accepting the offer which under the circumstances we regard as representing a very great effort and a real proof of sympathy and goodwill on the part of His Majesty's Government towards the Colony, and not pressing for a fuller settlement, we are in fact making no mean contribution towards alleviating the home country's difficulties.

"It must be borne in mind that in addition to the sums set out in the answers there will be the added burden of rehabilitating Government buildings and installations, and constructing new ones to replace those destroyed—all as a result of the war. This burden will fall directly on this Government and is estimated to

cost something of the order of \$150,000,000.

"Age Of Discretion"

"The second half of my motion is a natural corollary to the first half. No grown-up member of a family likes being tied too tightly to its mother's apron strings. While I admit that should such a member of a family start sewing an undue amount of wild oats, the parent has to bring its influence to bear in putting matters right. Before the war the Colony had reached the age of discretion and had achieved a certain degree of financial autonomy, but as a result of the war—not I might add of sewing wild oats—our finances deteriorated.

"However, during the two years since the war we have proved that we are capable of being re-instated to that same degree of financial autonomy, that we enjoyed before the war, and it is the sincere hope of all my Unofficial Colleagues that our request will be acceded to."

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Naval History Made

London, June 2.
The British Pacific Fleet, supporting the American attack on the island of Okinawa in 1945 sometimes opened fire on friendly fighters, states Vice-Admiral H. B. Rawlings, then second in command of the operation, published tonight by the Admiralty.

After declaring that the matter of differentiating between our own and enemy aircraft became daily of more importance, Admiral Rawlings writes: "With the suicide attack and, as is inevitable, with our own fighters pursuing the enemy right on to the fleet's guns, there is only a matter of seconds in which to act.

"At certain angles, there is little difference between the Japanese single-engine aircraft and some of our own fighters."

The report is contained in the despatch on the operation by Admiral Lord Fraser, then Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, who writes that the Fleet made British naval history by operating off the enemy coasts for periods up to 30 days each.—Reuter.



Currency Reform 'Premature'

Nanking, June 2.
Dr. Hollington Tong, Government information spokesman, today dismissed as premature the reports of an imminent currency reform in China and declared that apart from the China aid programme, the Chinese Government has made no further request for United States assistance to support a currency reform.

Dr. Tong said that though the Government has had a plan for currency reform for a long time, it is still uncertain when this will be put into practice.

He flatly denied the reports alleging that silver dollars are being minted in the United States as Mexico in anticipation of a currency change.

In explanation of the recent Government action in lifting the ban on silver coins, Dr. Tong said that while their possession and sale to the Central Bank are approved, the Government has instructed local financial authorities to take stern measures against private trading in silver.

In reply to a question whether China has applied for additional aid from the United States in making a currency reform, Dr. Tong said: "Since the enactment of the China Aid Programme, the Chinese Government has not made any further request for financial assistance." — Reuter-AAP.

Housing Scheme

Sufficient support has been received by the proposed Home-building and Investment Society for embarking on its Jardine's Lookout project, the "China Mail" learns.

The number of prospective house-owners who have registered with the Provisional Committee of the Society was not available yesterday. It is, however, known that the original plan is to construct 180 double-storey homes in the area.

The Society's application for land, subject to Government's 20-year non-transferable lease, was approved some time ago when Government granted it an area at Kowloon Tsai and another at Jardine's Lookout.

It is understood that the number of applications registered for homes at Kowloon Tsai are at present not sufficient to embark immediately on the house-building scheme for the mainland.

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"DEVILISH SMUGGLERS" CLAIM GOLD HIDDEN IN BODIES WAS THEIR OWN

"Members of a devilish gang of smugglers," comprising two men, three married women, nine widows and six spinsters, whose alleged ingenious ruse to smuggle some \$195,160 worth of gold bars into the colony was frustrated by Revenue officers on Tuesday evening, appeared in the dock before Mr. Hin-Sing Lo at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The defendants, who were not represented legally, were passengers aboard the "Merry Moller." Two more females brought up in the Juvenile Court were cautioned and a confiscation order made.

Inspector Redman, prosecuting, told the Court that acting on information 24 persons were detained. Asked whether they had any gold on them, they

replied in the negative. A search revealed that two females and a man had 17 gold bars, each weighing five taels and tied in bundles of threes and fives, concealed in their bodies.

Of the 24 suspects, 22 were arrested when X-ray examination at the Queen Mary Hospital revealed that they had gold bars inserted in their persons.

Apparently "doctored" from the 22 persons altogether 102 gold bars, each measuring 1 1/2 by 3 inches and weighing five taels, were extracted. The total value at the current open rate was \$195,160. The bars were tied in bundles of three, four, five and six by cotton wool and rubber bands. They were apparently "doctored" at the other end.

Asking for a "very, very serious" view to be taken, RI Redman declared that if it had not been for information the defendants would have had 100 percent chance of cheating the Law as it was almost impossible to detect the hidden gold. The prosecution requested imprisonment without the option and asserted that "every endeavour will be made to locate the person or persons responsible."

The concealment was obviously done by doctors in Macao and defendants were members of a gang, RI Redman observed. He also observed that grave responsibility rested on people who make such arrests as the suspects had to be subjected to medical examination and if no material result was procured, serious complications might arise which would be difficult to answer. He again asked that a serious view be taken.

Mr. Lo remarked that it was more than a coincidence that all the 20 defendants had gold entirely concealed in their bodies. They must be obviously members of a "devilish gang of smugglers."

"Precaution" The Magistrate asked the defendants what they had to say in mitigation, and was informed by Ma Choi, a female who elected to speak on behalf of the others, that they were all people who had sold their property to buy the gold and bring it into the colony. They owned the gold themselves and did not know the regulations here.

"Why did you conceal the gold in such an undignified way if you didn't know local laws?" Mr. Lo inquired. Ma said there were many robbers in the country and they hid the gold as a precaution. She added that they were all bankrupt and pleaded for leniency. "This is the first case of its kind," Mr. Lo commented. "We'll have to make it the last one," RI Redman said. Defendants were all remanded 24 hours in gaol custody, pending judgment.

Peninsula

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—R. L. Wood, Capt. and Mrs. S. L. Wilson, Mrs. L. Emmett, Miss L. Saunders, Mrs. N. B. Garden and Mr. and Mrs. V. H. MacVettie.

Peninsula departures—Mrs. P. K. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Danke, D. L. Moore, Mrs. Olive Jory, D. Bennett, David Thomas, J. Voss and Mr. and Mrs. S. Weston.

Fire Engine Can Pass Red Light

An interesting revelation regarding the Regulation governing the speed of a fire engine going to a fire was made by Acting Divisional Officer V. C. Seymour in the course of his evidence at the trial of Fire Engine Driver Cheung Kam-chuen (28) on the charge of driving at a dangerous speed, heard by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Cheung was charged by Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown with having driven Fire Engine No. 4 at a dangerous speed at Ningpo Street on May 2.

After evidence had been heard, the Magistrate amended the charge to driving without due care and attention and fined accused \$100.

The question of compensation to the Fire Brigade for the damage to the engine, estimated at \$17,000, raised by DO Seymour, was left to be dealt with departmentally.

In his evidence, DO Seymour said that drivers, during training, are cautioned as to driving, principally in busy thoroughfares, and taught to drive according to the conditions at the time. They could only "open out" on a clear road.

A fire engine is permitted to go through a "red light" but the driver would be responsible for an accident.

Lodger Slays Children

Peiping, June 2.
A landlady's two children were slain with a kitchen knife in Peiping yesterday by a woman lodger infuriated at a notice to leave.

The victims were both boys, one aged six and the other, three. The lodger was Mrs. Chia Yung-yi, 24, wife of a Nationalist Army Signal Corps employee stationed near Tientsin.

The mother of the boys was Mrs. Yen Yi-min, 35, whose husband is in prison serving a five-year sentence on a charge of collaboration.

After killing the two children, Mrs. Chia tried to set fire to the house and take her own life, but on two attempts were foiled. As she was arrested, the woman sardonically shouted, "Long Live Traitors."

The mother of the murdered boys blamed the owner of the house for the tragedy, alleging that he objected to her keeping a lodger. She said she would allow the bodies to rot in the house unless he or the husband of the accused paid all funeral expenses.—Associated Press.

Fatal injuries were sustained by a F.W.D. workman, Lam Wai, aged 25 years, when he fell from a moving lorry at the junction of Nathan Road and Butte Street at about 5 p.m. yesterday. Lam was rushed to Hospital immediately after the incident, but died 29 minutes after his admission.

Chinese Sentence Jap Officers

Shanghai, June 1.
Four former Japanese officers were convicted of war crimes by a Chinese Military Court here and given prison terms ranging from 12 years to life, while another accused was acquitted.

Y. Fukuda, former Commander of the Japanese China Fleet and Liaison Officer of the Konohe Cabinet, was sentenced to 15 years for participation in a war of aggression in violation of international agreements.

It was charged that Fukuda was the person who controlled puppet in South China during the war.

T. Miyakawa, former Commander of the 40th Division of the Japanese Army, was given 12 years for allowing his troops to commit rape and other atrocities against the civilian population in Kwailia after the Kwangsi city fell into Japanese hands.

T. Miura, former Commander of the 60th Division, was convicted for allowing his troops to commit rape and other atrocities against the civilian population in Kwailia after the Kwangsi city fell into Japanese hands.

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21-YEARS' HARD LABOUR FOR CONSPIRATORS

The case against three Chinese charged with the uttering of letters demanding arms and money with menaces, concluded at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the accused were sentenced by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) to varying terms of imprisonment.

The first accused, Li Yung, who had pleaded guilty to charges of uttering letters demanding money and arms with menaces, was sentenced to eight years' hard labour.

Li Ngau, the second accused, was sentenced to a total of nine years' hard labour, after being found guilty by a jury on charges of uttering and conspiracy.

The third accused, Lo Yan, who was found guilty by the jury on a charge of conspiracy and who pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving from banishment, was sentenced to four and a half years' hard labour.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Det Insp. C. Dowman, conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, appeared for Lo Yan. Mr. A.S.K. Lau held a watching brief for the complainant, Li Cheung-wan.

The accused were charged with uttering a letter demanding, with menaces, six Sten guns, one dozen automatic pistols and \$30,000 from Li Cheung-wan; demanding with menaces \$10,000 from the same person together with money with menaces.

Before sentence was passed on the accused, Mr. Lonsdale said that at the last Session, it had been stated, during the hearing of the "Garage Explosion Case" that certain arrests had been made in connection with the case. He would like to say that the accused had no connection with that case.

An order was made that the sum of \$3,500 marked money found in possession of Li Ngau be returned to the complainant, Li Cheung-wan.

Defendant is represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. Sutherland Russ. Inspector Chisham of the CID "C" is in charge of the prosecution.

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He did not appear to be under the influence of drink but he had had a small quantity of liquor during the afternoon or evening of the day.

There was far more blood on his clothing than could have resulted from his slight wounds, which were only bruises and scratches.

The case was adjourned until today.

Medical Evidence In Murder Case

Medical evidence took up yesterday's hearing of committal proceedings against Cheng Kwok-king, 40, charged with murdering a woman, Cheung Chak, 22, and attempting to murder Hui Tih-ching, 20, in Bonham Road.

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The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. J. Wall.

Mr. Clifford appeared for Cheung Fuk, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin of Messrs. P. H. Sin and Co. Tsui Shuen-hung was not legally represented.

The accused were alleged to have robbed Chan Chong-yuen of \$4,000, a wrist watch and a gold finger ring prior to kidnapping him.

Easily Misled

Evidence as to the good character of Cheung Fuk was given by Cheung Tsun-tai, head of a village in the Tai-po area. Witnesses said

that Cheung Fuk was a hard worker, but was not strong mentally. As a result, he was easily misled or fooled.

In the course of his plea for mitigation on behalf of Cheung Fuk, Mr. Clifford said that the latter had been used as a "stooge". Of the \$4,000 taken from complainant, Cheung only received \$500. The fact that Cheung was left to stand guard over complainant while the others went away, should walk away in search for food was strong evidence that Cheung did not have a criminal character, but was really stupid.

Mr. Reynolds said that the Crown regarded cases of this nature as being very serious. Cheung was not altogether an innocent party and with regard to the holding of complainant for ransom, he took a very active part. There was no doubt that Cheung was imposed upon to a certain extent, in that he did a bit of work and was deceived by the others. However, Cheung did guard complainant for more than two days and although he went away when the food supply ran out, he had sufficient intelligence to warn complainant against running away and to add that there was an armed guard outside. If Cheung was not armed, he was certainly able to keep complainant subdued for two or three days. It was true that only \$500 was found in his possession, but he obviously expected to get something out of the ransom money.

Leniency Plea

Mr. Reynolds drew attention to the fact that there had been five cases of this nature in the New Territories recently. It was very difficult to suppress this form of crime as the culprits usually crossed over into Chinese territory.

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Four New Ordinances Now Law

Four new Ordinances were added to the Colony's Statute Books at yesterday's Legislative Council.

The Bill to control the sale and use of Penicillin and Streptomycin was passed with an amendment to extend control over Penicillin in all forms.

Dr. Thomas explained that Penicillin is now used not only in the form of injections but also in the form of lozenges.

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The Bill proposed by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo for the incorporation of the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union, and the Bill put up by the Hon. Mr. Lau d'Almada K.C. for the version of the capital of the Canton Trust Co. Ltd. from Chinese to Hong Kong currency, were likewise passed without comment.

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ACTION OVER SHELF

The alleged wrongful removal of a shelf measuring about 11 feet by 9 feet from the right portion of the ground floor wall of 210, Queen's Road Central, formed the subject of an action for damages heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, Ng Kiyuk, was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, Mr. P. C. Woo appeared for the defendants, China Kwong-kee.

Both plaintiff and defendants reside at 210 Queen's Road Central. Mr. Russ said that the plaintiff's claim against the defendants was for the sum of \$1,200, being damages sustained by the plaintiff by reason of the defendant's wrongful removal of the shelf.

The fixture was valued at \$1,200, but the plaintiff was valuing the sum of \$200 in order to bring the case within the Summary Jurisdiction.

Mr. Woo said that the defendants based their defence on the following grounds: (a) they denied that the plaintiff was the owner of the property; (b) they had obtained the consent of the owner to effect certain reconstruction to premises and to remove the shelf; (c) the owner had never made any demand for the property — there was therefore no question of conversion; furthermore, defendants were always ready and willing to return the property to the rightful owner and (d) the action was premature, as defendants were only responsible for the return of the shelf on the termination of their tenancy.

After evidence by the plaintiff and defendants, hearing was adjourned until June 9.

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This announcement was made by the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke) in Legislative Council yesterday in reply to a supplementary question put by Mr. Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale at a meeting of Council on May 26.

Mr. Clarke said:

"Hong Kong's industries presented the possibility of securing a variety of different types of goods needed for the forces, and to facilitate His Majesty's Government in making the fullest use of these sources the Hong Kong Government in 1940 was asked to set up the War Supplies Board to act as agent for the Eastern Group Supply Council and for other Government organizations which might require supplies from local sources. The War Supplies Board operated with funds advanced by this Government."

Three Categories

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to manufacturers to finance the manufacture of War Supplies ordered on behalf of the various purchasers. "Only category "A" claims are legally enforceable, as under the terms of the standard War Supplies Board contract there should be no liability until shipment had been effected or delivery had been made to a go-down."

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No Liability

"With claims under categories "B" and "C" no legal liability exists but there may be a valid claim against reparations. The whole situation has been placed before the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Occupation Marriages Ordinance

The Occupation Marriages (Validity) Ordinance 1948 passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Introducing the Bill, the Acting Attorney General (Mr. G. E. Strickland) said the measure would remove doubts as to the validity of marriages (other than non-Christian marriages) consummated during the occupation, and provided machinery for such marriages to be recorded and proved.

In view of the importance of the measure, said Mr. Strickland, the Bill was discussed with the Secretary of State who agreed to its present form subject to very minor amendments.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougal) and carried unanimously.

Drove Too Fast

L.F. Osmund, of 7 Peace Avenue, Homunlin, was fined \$25 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on two summonses for driving at an excessive speed at Nathan Road.

Traffic Sub-Inspector D. Brown said that defendant was seen by Div-Inspector J. Serim driving motor-cycle 325 at 30 m.p.h. in the controlled area, and 40 m.p.h. when he entered the built-up area.

The two offences were a continuing one.

Defendant pleaded that the light on his speedometer was not working and that he could not see the speed registered. He was advised by the Magistrate to have the speedometer repaired.

BABY GIRL'S DEATH FALL

A 10-month-old baby girl, Choi Chit-chit, fell to her death from the third floor of 3, Old Bailey Street at about 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

The child, while playing, knocked against the iron guard of the window. It gave way and the child fell into the alleyway below.

By the time Choi's mother arrived on the scene from the third floor the baby was already dead.

PAINTER REMANDED

A 28-year-old painter appeared in the dock at Central Magistrate's yesterday on a charge of leaving Lo charged with having carnal knowledge of 12-year-old and seven-year-old girls on May 1 at No. 70, First Street, first floor.

Tsang Hong-chiu was remanded three days at the request of the prosecution.

LED INSPECTORS ON MERRY CHASE

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"People like you are parasites," Mr. d'Almada told defendant.

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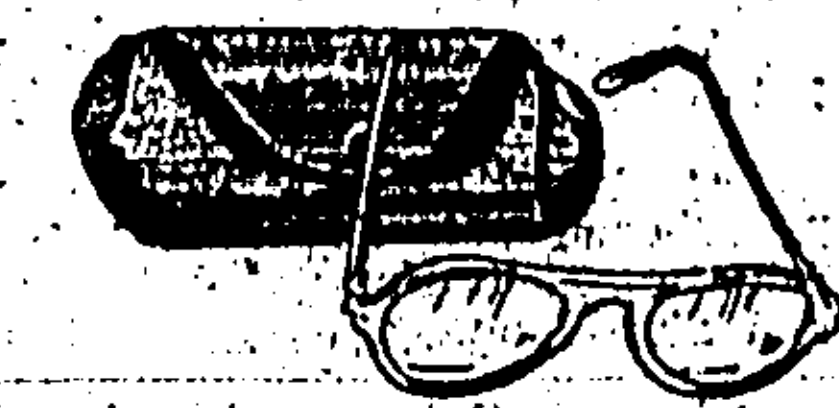
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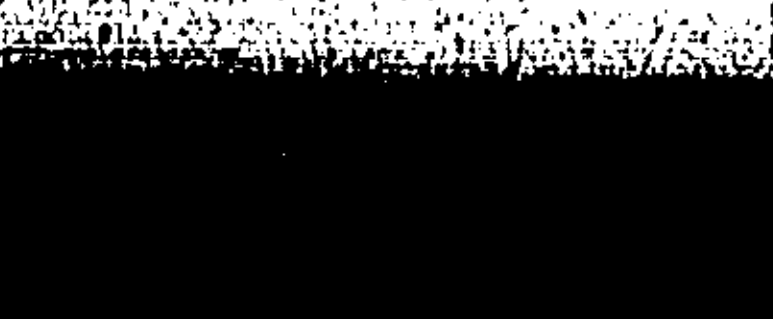
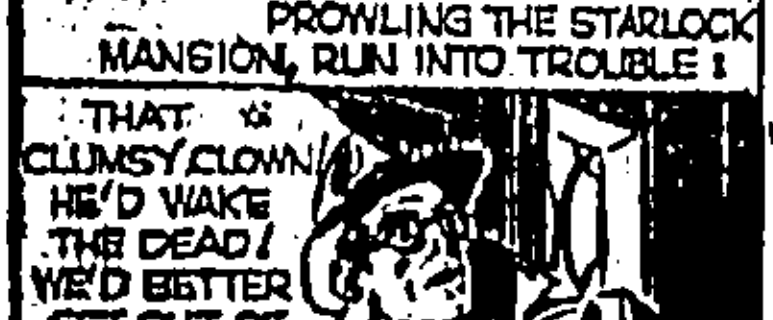
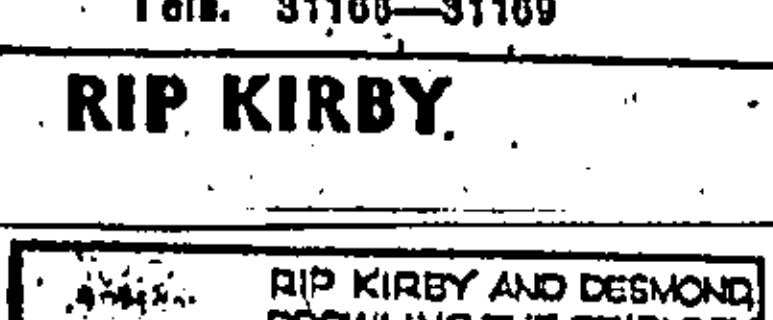
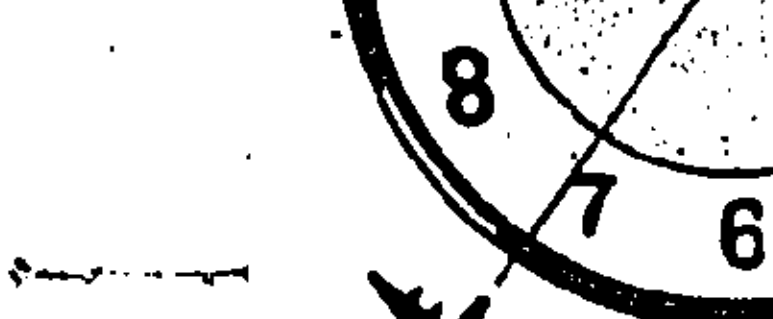
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 7th day of June, 1948 at 3 p.m.

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Date: 26th May, 1948.

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The new Tariff will become effective on the 21st June, 1948.

Copies of the new Tariff may be obtained from the Local Chairman, Far Eastern Freight Conference, P. & O. Building, Hong Kong at a charge of HK\$20.00 per copy, on and after Monday, 7th June, 1948.

Additional Rates with Transshipment to Ports of Destination. A separate Tariff of Transshipment Additions is in course of preparation and until this becomes effective additional rates with transshipment to ports of destination will be ascertained by reference to Section IV of the old Tariff in respect of which Addenda will continue to be issued.

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G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary and Chief Accountant. Hongkong, 1st June, 1948.

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EIGHT-POINT SCHEME FOR ITALIAN REDISTRIBUTION OF LAND

Rome, June 1. Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italian Prime Minister, announced an eight-point programme for his new Government when Parliament opened here today.

The points were:

1.—The use of Marshall aid through a plan that would not affect private enterprise.
2.—The adjustment of the internal financial situation and the defence of the lira through increased saving and continued encouragement for the investment of foreign capital in Italy.
3.—The financial policy of Signor Luigi Einaudi, the new President and former Budget Minister, would continue.
4.—Agrarian reforms based on reducing to the minimum the number of farm labourers, turning them into small farmers through a redistribution of land from big estates.
5.—The emigration policy now being worked out in talks with other countries, especially Britain, on large-scale development work in Central Africa.

Civil War Danger

8.—The Government to continue its policy for the maintenance of public order, using all the means necessary to stop the illegal preparation for a civil war.
Many arms are still hidden in Italy, mostly held by "private organisations," Signor de Gasperi said.
He was constantly interrupted from the left benches during his speech and only by the intervention of Chamber officers was a fight between Communists and Christian Democrats avoided.

Hint on Colonies

5.—An expansion of the education programme including the setting up of 10,000 new State schools for the light against illiteracy.
6.—The Government to continue its present foreign policy, collaborating in full within the European organisation, favouring European economic co-operation as in the Italian-French customs union.

Foreign trade agreements would be extended and a commission was being prepared to go to Russia, he added.

MARINE DEPT. NOTIFICATION

Masters of all vessels are notified that two new cables will be laid in the existing cable reserve between the City of Victoria and the South end of the Kowloon Peninsula.

Both cables will be laid on Friday 4th June.

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J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1948.

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STUDENTS ARRESTED

Shanghai, June 2.—Five students of the Shanghai Law College who were arrested by police on Monday for involvement in the anti-Government exhibition held on the college campus will be handed over to the special criminal tribunal for trial, according to the China Press.

City Government authorities announced yesterday that they have invited the city's university presidents and City Councillors to view the seized cartoons and posters of the exhibition, which will be on display at the City Government Auditorium today.—Reuter.

Shanghai DP's May Go To USA

Washington, June 1.—A Bill for providing for the admission to the United States as non-quota immigrants of 5,000 persons displaced by the war from their homes in Europe and now living in Shanghai was introduced in the House of Representatives today by Congressman Emanuel Celler (Democrat, New York).

Mr. Celler said the refugees have been stranded in Shanghai since 1941 and most of them are victims of persecution in Germany, Poland and other areas of Central and Eastern Europe.

The refugee colony in Shanghai originally numbered 11,000, but 6,000 have been absorbed by Australia, South America, the United States and some European countries, to which they returned as repatriates.

To be eligible for admission under the Bill, the displaced persons must have entered Shanghai after Jan. 1, 1938, and must be living there at present. They would be required to use the privilege of entry to the United States by June 30, 1950.

The Bill would apply to these persons irrespective of nationality.—Reuter.

Red Machinations Seen In Siam

Bangkok, June 1. Lt. Col. Luang Ronasit Pichai, director-general of the Siam Publicity Department, said that the recent unrest in Narathiwat province, in Southern Siam, was "engineered" by Communist in the Malay Union, according to vernacular press reports.

The Publicity Director has just returned to Bangkok from an investigation trip to that province.

Meanwhile, the Government, moving to improve administration in the Muslim-dominated areas in the south, has called for the appointment of an Islamic adviser. The adviser will replace Nal Chaem Promyong, who accompanied Nal Pridi Phanomyong to Singapore last November.

The adviser will be selected from nominees submitted by Islamic residents of the troubled area.

Nal Charoon na Songkha, Narathiwat Commissioner, now attending a general commissioners' meeting at the Ministry of Interior, here, reported, that the situation in his province had "returned to normal."

Two of the riot leaders had been arrested, he said.

Mahatayiddin, Muslim leader in the southern provinces, was not implicated in the recent uprising, the Siam provincial commissioner said. "I think Mahatayiddin is a reasonable man," he said.

"Although nationalism is strong in the south, I do not think it is very well organized," Nal Charoon said. "There must be some separatist sentiment, but the people are increasingly realizing that to separate from Siam would be to deliver themselves into the hands of the Chinese, who are politically and economically dominant in Malaya."—United Press.

NEHRU Warns ECAFE

Bombay, June 1. The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, warned against any tendency to regard Asiatic problems as secondary when he opened the third session of the United Nations Commission for Asia and the Far East at Ootacamund, Madras, today.

In a 40-minute speech to 150 delegates from 18 countries, he said: "If one part of the world goes down economically or otherwise, it has a tendency to drag others with it."

He asked the delegates to make it clear to the United Nations that any attempt to pay too little attention to Asiatic problems "is likely to defeat the ends which the United Nations have in view."

Speaking of the need for prosperous nations to help the less prosperous, he said: "It is not a question of generosity; it is a question of enlightened self-interest."

Firmly but without bitterness, he asked for the ending of political domination of Asiatic countries by others. Afterwards, the Commission elected Dr. John Mathai, Indian Transport Minister, as Chairman for 1948 and the Sawbwa of Mongmait, Burmese Minister to the Shan States, as Vice-Chairman.—Reuter.

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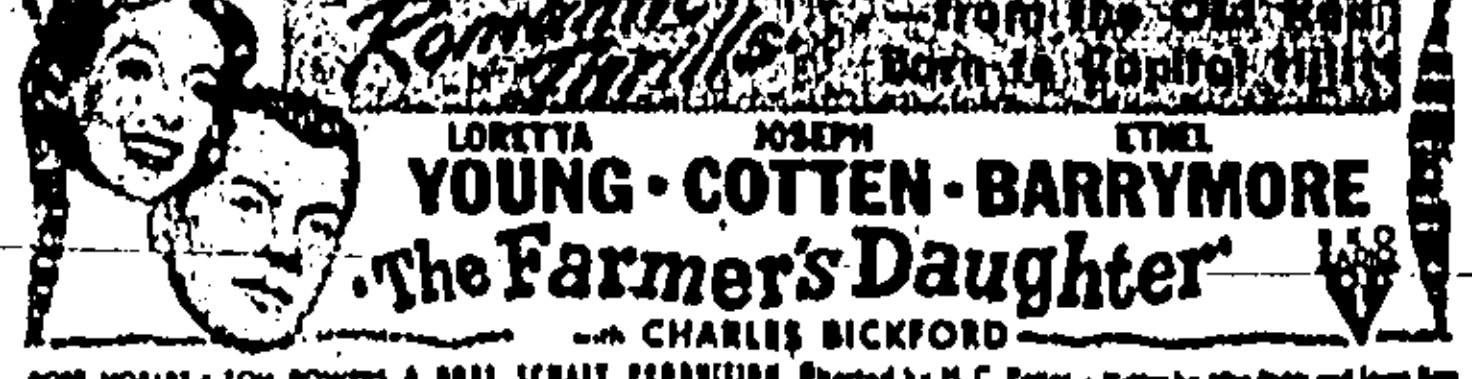
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CLASH ON RUBBER ESTATE Chinese Killed In Police Baton Charge COMMISSIONER'S WARNING

Singapore, June 1.
 Seven Chinese were killed and 10 injured today when police made a baton charge on 200 dismissed Chinese employees who had refused to leave a rubber estate near Segamat, 125 miles north of Singapore.

The Chinese had been given a month's notice by the European management, who recently took over the estate and had found difficulty in controlling the workers.

Most of the dismissed workers had refused to leave, saying they would run the estate themselves. The clash began when the police, who were sent to investigate the situation, were surrounded by Chinese armed with sticks, stones, bottles and spears. There were no police casualties, and no shots were fired.

Malaya's Police Commissioner, Mr. H. B. Lansworthy, reviewing the labour unrest in the Federation yesterday, said that in future "force would be met with force." He attacked "subversive political bodies" who, he said, were exhorting trade union workers to resort to violence to gain their ends.

Troops Stand By
 Other incidents today included: Dismissed employees set fire to a rubber factory at Senal, 15 miles north of Johore Bahru, and started four other fires on the estate.

In Singapore, a Chinese gunman shot and critically injured a Chinese sawmill supervisor. There has been much industrial unrest at the mill lately.

Two Sikh policemen were killed, and nine others injured when a tyre burst and a lorry overturned while taking reinforcements to the scene of another labour dispute at Slim River, about 60 miles north of Kuala Lumpur.

Three hundred British troops and police were standing by awaiting the eviction of 70 dismissed strikers who had refused to leave the Kluang and Limas rubber estates.—Reuter.

Eighty wounded were due to be handed over to the Arabs during the afternoon from the French hospital in Jerusalem.

Arab civilians, including women, children, and the aged, were being collected at a concentration point first before the evacuation. "That is difficult because of snipers" he explained.—Associated Press.

Jewish Gesture To Arabs

Amman, June 1.
 Paul J. Ruegger, President of the International Red Cross committee, announced today that the Jewish authorities are evacuating 80 Arab wounded soldiers and more than 400 Arab civilians to Arab lines in Jerusalem.

He said the action was in return for "the very generous way the Arab authorities carried out the evacuation of Jewish non-combatants from the surrendered Jewish quarter of the old city last Friday and Saturday." The number exceeded 1,500.

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He was speaking after the tabling of a motion urging the Government to recognise Israel submitted by a Communist member. It was learned that the Indonesian Government of Indonesia and the Surinam Administration had raised objections to the recognition of Israel.—Reuter.

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BENGAL SCARE

Calcutta, June 1.

Evidence has been received that Bengal's outlawed Communists are planning a campaign in preparation for a projected armed rising and seizure of power, said the Bengal Home Minister, K. R. Sen, today.

Police today were ordered to stand by as the government anticipated clashes with Communists. These, however, did not occur.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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NOT SMART BUT DUMB
 SOME unorthodox moves, such as bids with much less general strength than they ordinarily indicate, are fraught with great danger to your side. Protection of your interests against disaster may depend later upon real keenness in your partner to realize what you had been doing. If you have a more or less cut and dried type of player opposite you, it is very risky to try anything not based on the usually indicated strength. With an unimaginative mate, such "smart" maneuvers are not smart, but dumb.

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Holiday's Heavy Toll

New York, June 1.
 American's three-day Memorial holiday—the first bank holiday of the summer season—which ended last night, was estimated today to have claimed the lives of nearly 400 people through accidents.

One man cheated death in spectacular fashion, however. Giving a performance in an air show in Michigan, a 27-year-old stunt pilot fell 5,000 feet in a parachute which "did not open—and yet suffered only a slight cut over an eye."

Telephones were caught his unopened parachute and left him dangling in the air until help came.—Reuter.

Indians To Demonstrate

London, June 1.
 Indians and Africans in London, at a meeting last night, unanimously agreed to hold demonstrations against Dr. Malin's segregation policy in the Union of South Africa.

Mr. E. A. Khan, President of the Indian Workers' Association, who had arranged the meeting, said that Dr. Malin's victory was a victory for Fascism in South Africa.

"The British Government prides itself on Commonwealth democracy," he added, "but Dr. Malin is opposed to all decent democratic institutions. He believes in racial thuggery."

A new Hitler is now in power in South Africa.

The Pan-African Federation and other African organizations will be invited to join the Indian Workers' in protests here against the Malin regime.—Reuter.

NO DOLLAR LOAN, SAYS BRITAIN

Washington, June 1.

British officials have informed the Economic Co-operation Administration here that their country can accept no dollars in the form of loans unless they are intended for self-repaying projects and not for "consumption" goods.

The result of this decision, it is understood, will be that the \$100,000,000 tentatively allocated to Britain by the Administration for the April 1-June 30 quarter of this year will almost certainly not be used immediately, and may actually remain idle for some time, while British officials and ECA experts work out the details of the projects actually satisfactory to both sides.

British officials have been considerably concerned over the past few weeks about the advisability of accepting more dollar loan burdens. They were disturbed over the fact that, of Britain's first quarter Marshall

Plan allocation of \$400 million, five per cent was specifically labelled as being amendable on a loan basis only.

These loans, it was understood, will carry a heavier interest rate than the original post-war American loan to Britain—around three per cent—and will therefore add to the considerable annual dollar repayment obligation that Britain must assume, starting in 1952.

The decision taken, therefore, is that no current consumption goods—wheat, cotton, tobacco, food, petroleum and the like—will be paid for in loan dollars.—Reuter.

MANILA HOTEL MANAGER

Manila, June 2.
 Charlie Holman, 44, landowner and sportsman, has been appointed manager of the famed Manila Hotel, succeeding Manuel Nido, who resigned to become Consul General in Madrid.—United Press.

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P.I. MOVE TO SAVE DOLLARS

Manila, June 2.
 President Quirino signed into law a stiff series of luxury taxes designed to conserve Philippine dollar exchange.

The new levies increase sales taxes on articles classified as non-essentials to 30 percent. Semi-luxuries are taxed 15 percent. Ordinary goods are taxed at present five percent.

Particularly affected will be automobiles costing over US\$500, jewelry, optical goods and silverware, with the exception of eyeglasses, perfumes and toilet articles except dentifrices and talcum powder. The rate on these now is 30 percent.

President Quirino also signed a bill legalizing the redemption of pre-war Philippine National Bank notes with the exception of those issued by the Japanese and an estimated US\$20,000,000 worth of 50 peso notes lost by the guerrilla government in Mindanao during the early part of the war.—Associated Press.

Doesn't Know His Own Age

Seoul, June 1.
 Dr. Syngman Rhee, whose chairmanship of the Korean Assembly will almost certainly soon become the Presidency of the first Korean Republic, is perhaps the world's oldest leader in the world's youngest nation.

Nobody, not even Dr. Rhee himself, knows how old he is. Published estimates have ranged from 72 to 82 years. When you ask him, he shakes his head and replies with a smile: "Not too old."

Since he returned to Korea from exile in 1945, at least four attempts have been made on his life. Today, around his fortress home, pressed in against one of the teeth of the saw ridge of mountains that surround this capital, 20 highly armed police stand guard against a fifth attempt.—Reuter.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Kiel, June 1.
 The Military Government of Schleswig-Holstein in the British Zone of Germany has informed the South Schleswig Union, representing the Danish minority, that it may be recognized as a political party.

The Union, which favours the fusion of South Schleswig with Denmark, is to be divided into two organisations. One will deal with cultural and similar matters and the other with political affairs.—Reuter.

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CHINA'S NEW CABINET

At this time of crisis in China's affairs, the new Cabinet appointed to serve under Wong Wen-hao, sound as it is in many respects, will arouse few enthusiasms. The introduction of the much-needed new blood, to provide both the talent and the strong personalities able to carry through the extreme measures required in the present emergency, is conspicuously lacking, though there may be something in the rather fatalistic submission that when the fortunes of the country have sunk so low, the next turn of the cycle must inevitably be upward. What encouragement is to be derived from this sort of soothing syrup does little to diminish the disappointment of China's well-wishers that the inauguration of democratic government leaves so little unchanged and for all practical purposes finds the administration entrusted to the same hands. Nor do the several refusals of prominent leaders to accept the responsibilities of office make the situation any better. Even Wong Wen-hao, who assumes the heaviest burden, was not the first choice for the premiership, though he is sufficiently well-known and respected to permit the feeling that he may yet prove himself to be the best choice.

It is perfectly true, also, that the team with which he has surrounded himself would, in other circumstances, probably make a thoroughly good team, for it is composed largely of experts who are admittedly able men at their job. Unfortunately, few of them possess political influence of any consequence. The set-up is one which could have distinct advantages in a well-organised state, but in China to-day it is to be feared that the product is much more likely to be 'responsibility without power.' After the failure of Ho Ying-chin and Chang Chun to form administrations, Wong Wen-hao's government gives the impression that it represents the last chance, with the very grave danger that should he fail to satisfy the need, a willing successor would be extremely difficult to find, even leading to a break-up of the Kuomintang and chaos.

Included in the twenty Ministries announced are only five new men, and only two of these are important—General Ho Ying-chin who has taken over the Ministry of National Defence from Pai Chung-hsi, and Wang Yun-wu, formerly President of the Executive Yuan, who becomes Minister of Finance in the place of Mr. O. K. Yui. Next to the Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu has taken on the weightiest task, and he will have started well if there is any truth in the persistent reports that currency reform will engage his first and urgent attention. No estimate can be formed of the merits of the plan predicted without formal announcement and further details, but of the necessity for some such effort to place China's currency on a stable basis there can be no doubt. It is, in fact, the first need, and it is by the results it achieves in this special mission that the Wong Wen-hao Government is likely to be judged.

PALESTINE

The First Jewish State For Nearly 1900 Years

By A Special Correspondent In The Holy Land

J.L. HAYS

As the Union Jack on the roof of our Government House in Jerusalem was lowered by a salaried of the Highland Light Infantry, as the pipers played a lament, as bayonets below in the courtyard stiffened in a General Salute and Britain's 30 years' reign in Palestine ended, so the first Jewish State in 1978 years was born.

At those years passed since the Spring of 70 A.D., when the Roman general Titus concentrated his legions for the siege of Jerusalem, capital of Judea.

The Siege lasted 11 months. Eleven hundred thousand Jews perished in famine and fighting. Then the Romans stormed the walls and destroyed the Jews' temple by fire—for which even today the Jews still mourn at the Wailing Wall, part of the original Temple—and carried off 970,000 survivors into captivity.

Today in the sunlit streets of the same Jerusalem, with blue and white striped Zionist flags waving over the shiny-new shopping centres, glittering with chromium and coloured glass, Jewish typists with upturned hair-do's, gay in crisp new length summer frocks, their high heels tanning, are taking a half hour off to buy souvenir first postage stamps of the second Jewish State—the Republic of Eretz Israel.

But 1,878 years is a long time to have gone without an independent Government of your own.

How are the Jews going to make out? Certainly they themselves show little anxiety about their ability to follow up the country-wide military action which has "unofficially" partitioned Palestine according to the United Nations' plan of last November, with the rapid installation of their own administrative machinery.

Under British rule Jewish institutions enjoyed autonomy in such fields as health, education and social services. They have always in Palestine run their own hospitals, universities and schools, certainly the finest in the Middle East.

Not for nothing was the Jewish Agency, with an expenditure of £30,000,000 in five years, known as a "Government within a Government." Now it is extending its activities to include postal services, law courts, an import-export licensing system and taxation.

With a £5,000,000 internal war loan already floated, the new in-

come tax authority is busy collecting money still owed to the former Palestine Government. New wireless and car licences are being issued. Revenue stamps overprinted with "National Exchange" are in post offices.

Postal services which broke down as British officials thinned out, are again functioning in Jewish areas.

In Tel Aviv the import-export office has issued licences covering imports from 32 countries, worth £8,000,000.

The Department of Justice, headed by former top Berlin lawyer, Dr. Felix Rosenbluth, will soon set up courts all over the Jewish State; but the British code of justice will be maintained for the time being and then gradually amended to fit all Jewish needs. "Anti-profiteering and traffic courts are already operating.

Something like 9,000 Jews served with the British Administration from department executives down through clerks and telephone operators to engine drivers, policemen and postmen. They are all being absorbed into the Jewish Government service. Many of them will get rapid promotion.

Haganah becomes the constituted army of Eretz Israel. For 60 years the defence force of Jewish institutions, and controlled, recruited and financed by them, Haganah was officially "handed over" to its commanders a few days ago by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister.

The Jews now expect planes, already secretly purchased all over the world as the nucleus of their Jewish Air Force, to be flown in by all-Jewish crews—many former R.A.F. and American Air Force men—to abandon airfields controlled by Haganah "commandos."

Ships loaded with military stores, including guns and armour, petrol and food, are said to be already on the high seas, their voyages timed to enable them to drop anchor off Tel Aviv and Haifa as soon as the British mandate ended.

Not many Jews think it is all over bar shouting in Palestine. The danger of invasion of Haganah—"partitioned" territory by the regular armies of neighbouring Arab States is still real enough, or top priority to be given to general mobilisation.

If the Jews have to establish their new State almost from scratch and at the same time fight a war, it is likely to have birth pains.

Wishful Thinking In Moscow

London, June 1.

Moscow Radio commentator A. Ganshin said today that the Anglo-American differences over Palestine "are only an expression of a much deeper contradiction between Britain and the U.S.A."

"The strengthening of Britain's former overseas colonies led to a wrecking of the British position and their slow but sure transfer to American hands," he said.

The result of this, Ganshin said, was that "not only Britain's former spheres of undivided influence but even Britain herself has become a primary object of American expansion."

He claimed that Britain's Lab-

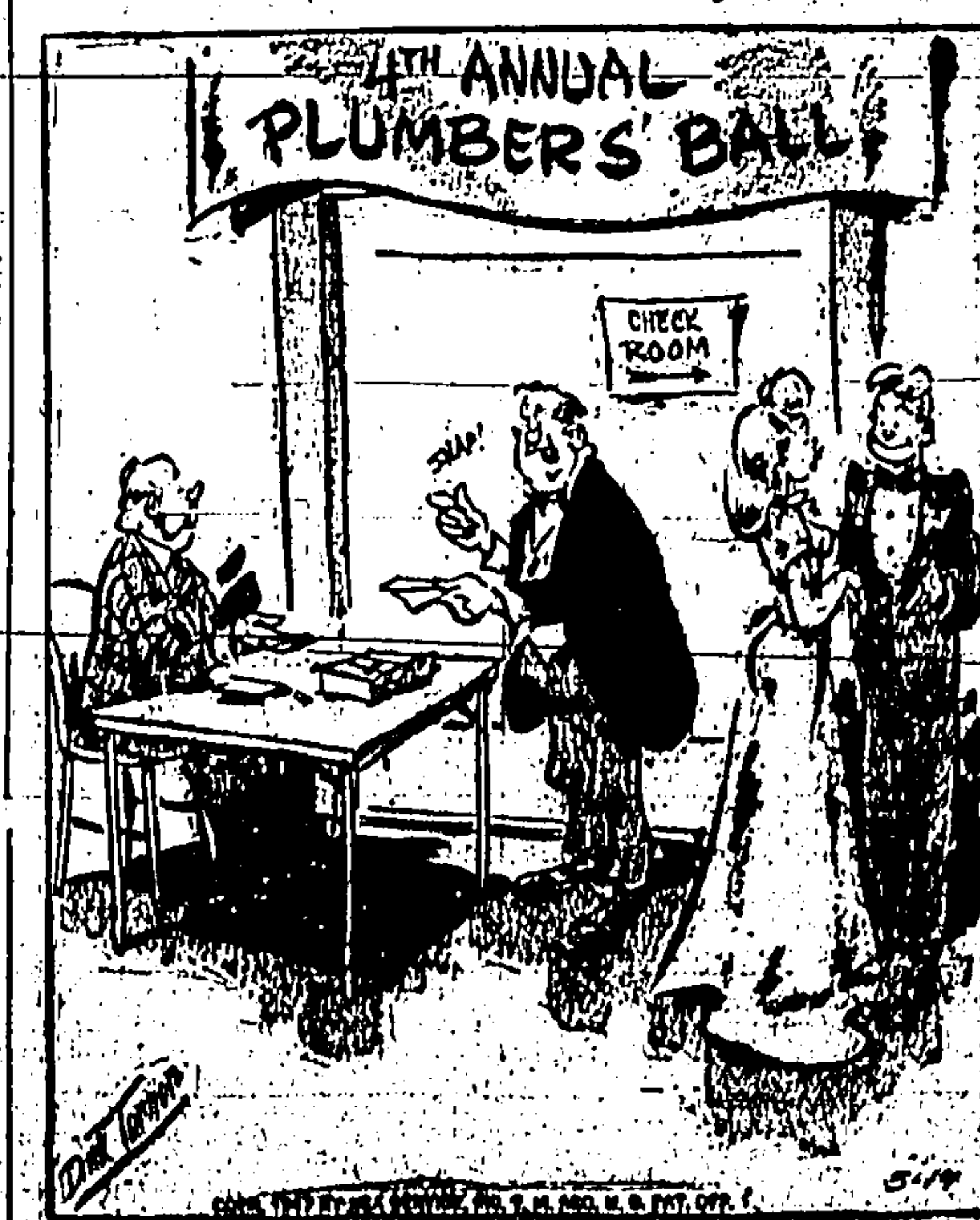
our Party would in the end try to make the United Europe treaty hope for "not only anti-Soviet but also anti-American," he added.

"Under present conditions the British monopolies rely on their experience of many centuries in playing a cunning and subtle game to offset American policy."

"But the game is irritating America and the Palestine events have made this irritation very apparent," Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



AND HERE IS A PEN PICTURE OF ITS FIRST PREMIER

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, who, at 61, is the first Premier of the new Jewish State of Eretz Israel, has often been described as the "Lloyd George of Palestine Jewry."

Certainly Mr. Ben-Gurion's halo of untidy, white hair, his short build, and startlingly blue eyes under shaggy brows give him a reasonable physical resemblance to Britain's first World War leader, but it is more in personal mannerisms and personality that they are alike.

As was Lloyd George, Mr. Ben-Gurion is an orator. His Hebrew is lyrical and loudly passionate in debate, but when using his mechanically perfect English he sounds hard and bluntly uncompromising.

An example—his interpretation of the Jewish State which he is now to rule: "We mean simply Jewish independence. And when we say Jewish independence we mean Jewish soil, labour, agriculture, and industry. We mean the Jewish language, schools, culture. We mean Jewish safety and security—complete independence as for any other free people. We need a Jewish State in order to make a Jewish national home."

And not a word about how the Arabs will fare inside the Jewish frontiers.

Perhaps of all the Jewish leaders he was the most bitter opponent of the British White Paper of 1939 which restricted Jewish immigration and agricultural colonisation at a time when Europe's Jews were fleeing before the Nazis. When World War II came he said: "We shall fight the war as if there were no White Paper and we shall fight the White Paper as if there were no war."

This somewhat ambiguous statement is often quoted by his friends to block suggestions that he is anti-British. In fact he did much to encourage enlistment by volunteers into the British forces.

But, pro-British as he might have been until the rise of Hitler, any affection he held for this country has steadily cooled since.

This is best illustrated by his attitude towards terrorism. Consistently he has declared himself an opponent of violence, but before the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine he said collaboration with the Jewish Agency in suppressing terrorism had to be given up because it was "futile."

His only relaxation is the study of classical Greek, and he has a library of hundreds of rare Greek texts.

He married while in America and has three children. A son has been a liaison officer between the Jewish police and the British.

British officials did not believe then, and neither do they believe now, that it was anything of the sort.

Every policeman in Palestine was always certain the Agency could have beaten down both Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang any time they wished.

Palestine Jews like to describe him as temperamental, and dynamic. They tell stories of how hard he works, how relentlessly he drives his assistants; of the sensitivity to criticism and contradiction; of his noisy rages.

But for many Jews his oratory is the subject of suspicion; and so is his political judgment. As leader of the Coalition Government he will be closely watched. Like most Palestine Jews who have known both Turkish and British rule his political career has had its ups and downs.

After working as a labourer and mounted watchman in the settlements, he went in 1913 to Constantinople to study law. He was then pro-British and pro-Allied, and after World War I, began he wasn't afraid to say so.

He was soon expelled by the Turks, who stamped his passport "Not permitted to re-enter Palestine."

So he went to America and organised a Zionist colonisation movement and an American Jewish Legion.

After General Allenby liberated Jerusalem from the Turks, Mr. Ben-Gurion returned and joined up as a private in the Fortieth Royal Fusiliers, a battalion of British, American and European Jewish volunteers.

After the war ended he rose rapidly to prominence in the Socialist movement. He helped to organise the all-powerful Histadruth trade union organisation, and was secretary of the Palestine Labour Party, Mapai, from 1921 to 1938, when he moved up to the Jewish Agency Executive.

It was not until 1945 that he was elected Chairman of the Executive, displacing Palestine Jewry's "elder statesman," Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

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WESTERN GERMANY TO HAVE PARLIAMENT

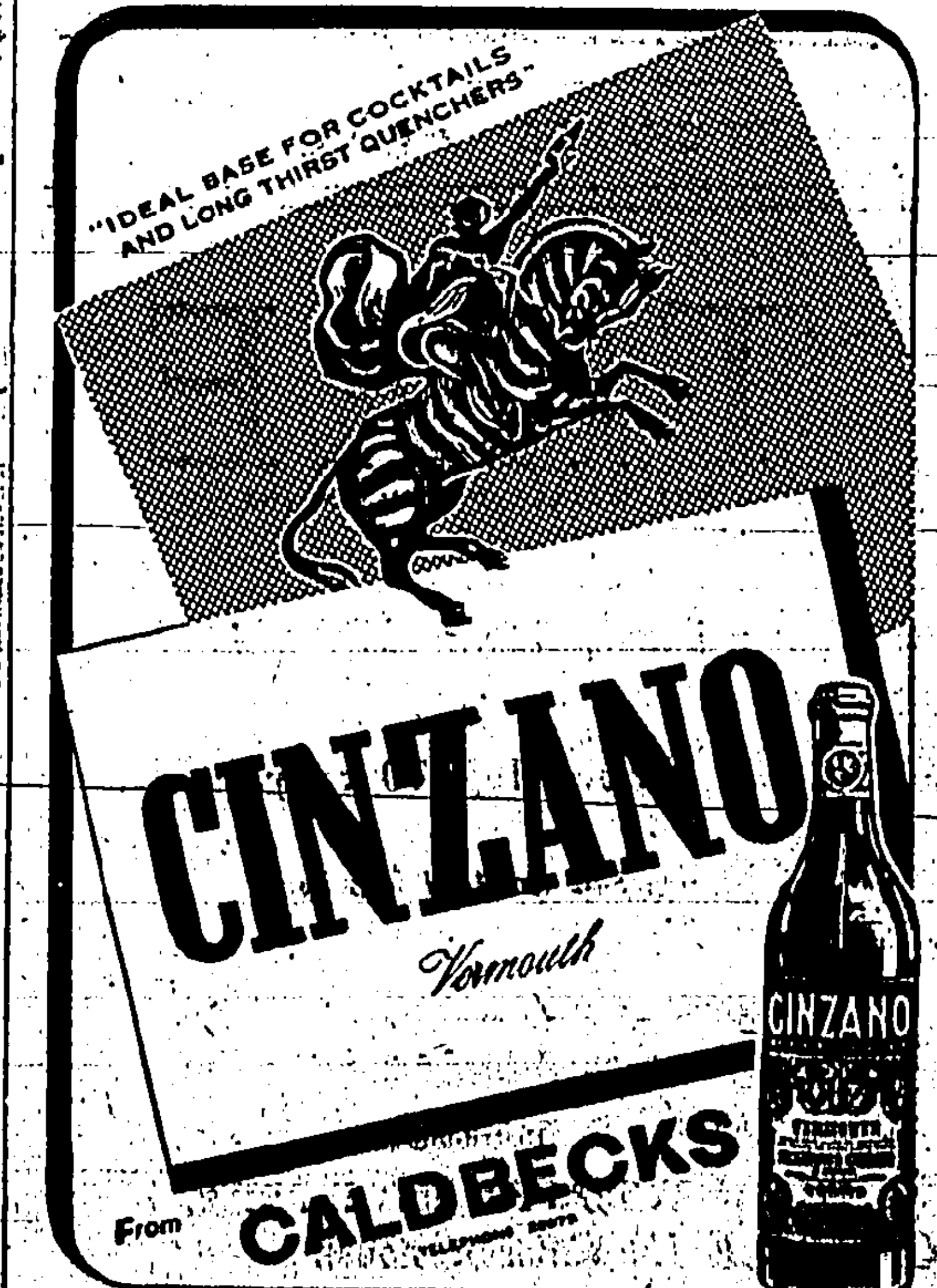
London, June 1.

The main achievements of the six-power talks in London on Germany, which ended tonight, are authoritatively stated to include:

- 1—Agreement to set up a German constituent Assembly for the three Western Zones on or about Sept. 1, 1948.
- 2—The creation of an international control organisation for the Ruhr industries composed of the six powers—Britain, France, the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—and representatives of Western Germany, with powers over the distribution of key Ruhr products, in particular coal, coke and steel, and;
- 3—Agreement to introduce currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany—probably only in July—but not, it is anticipated, in the Western Sectors of Berlin.

At today's final session, attended by the heads of the delegations and presided over by Britain's Sir William Strang, the Conference's report, for submission to the Governments of the participating powers, was signed.

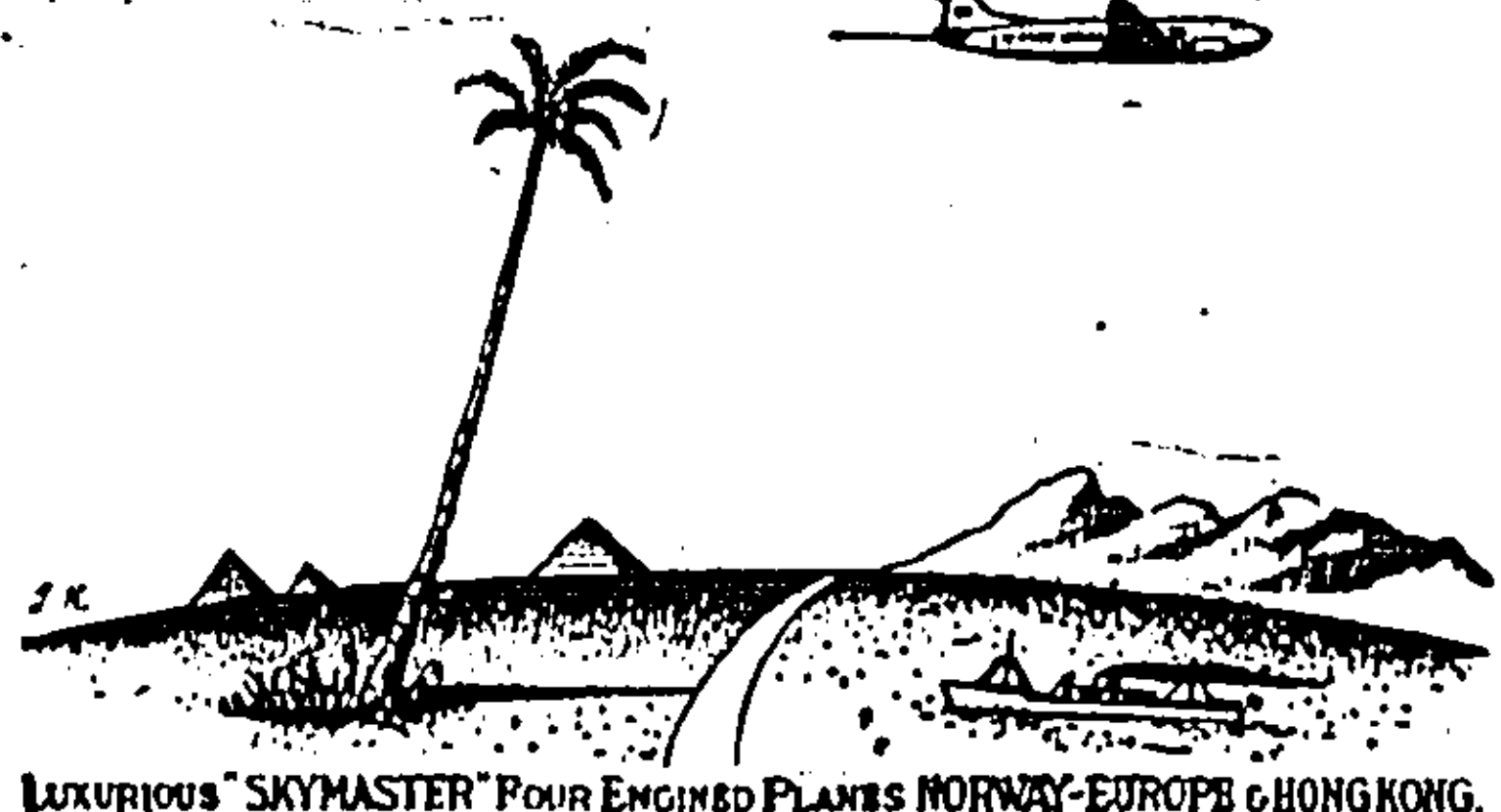
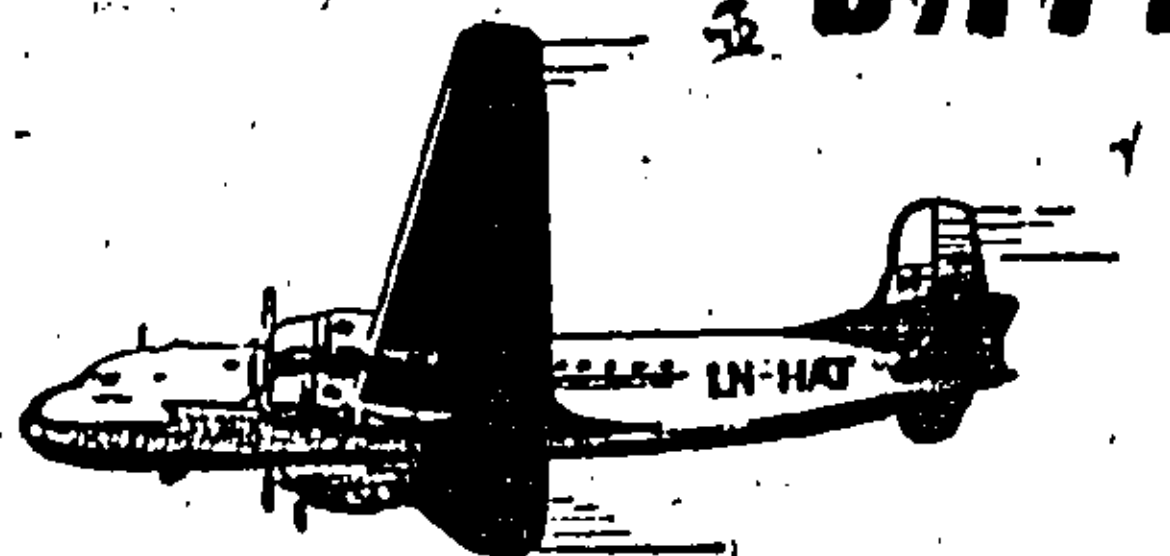
It is expected that a formal communiqué according the conclusion of the Conference in agreement on all points will be published tomorrow.—Reuter.



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GREEK PEACE OFFENSIVE: GENERAL MARKOS' FEELERS "ANOTHER BLUFF," SAYS ATHENS

London, June 1.

The Yugoslav news agency, Tanyug, reported today that the "free" Greek Government of General Markos, in a statement, said that it was "prepared to welcome" any initiative aimed at establishing peace in Greece under the condition that foreign "interference" there is ended.

It said the statement followed a meeting of the Markos Cabinet on May 30 to discuss the military and political situation.

According to Tanyug, the statement was made to "aid endeavours of democratic forces of the entire world for peace and democratic understanding of mankind."

The statement said, "The provisional democratic government of Greece is always ready to accept and support every initiative aimed at aiding the establishment of peace in Greece, on condition that the unrestricted democratic way of life is assured to the people, that national sovereignty and independence are safeguarded, that every foreign interference be ended and that the Greeks freely decide upon their fate."

"High Time"

"To this end, the provisional democratic government is prepared to make all concessions permitted by the people's and national interest."

"It is high time that blood ceased to be shed in Greece for the account of foreign imperialism and domestic plutocrats. It is time that monarcho-fascist murder and slaughter ceased."

"The democratic people's movement in Greece has never in the past sought nor does it now seek, forcible and exclusive power. It is at all times ready to discuss any proposals which tend toward the general well-being of the people and homeland. But the democratic army is not relaxing its firm hold on the rifle. It cherishes boundless faith in the righteousness of its cause and has confidence in its strength, which issues from the people."

Cold Reception

"If the monarcho-fascists, even in the last minute, fail to show readiness to stop bloodshed, we

possess sufficient strength needed to impose upon it and its Anglo-American masters in the interests of the Greek people."

Athens officials received the offer coldly.

The well-informed newspaper, Estia, said officials considered the rebel suggestion a bluff.

Never before have the rebels attempted even a backhanded conciliatory line.

Reports in Athens indicated there may have been some disagreement between Markos and Communist leaders since the Greek Army's offensive in the south of Central Greece in the Roumel sector, Markos reportedly criticized the Communist leader, Nicholas Zachariades, several months ago for failing to arrange sufficient shipments of war materials from outside Greece.—United Press.

Surplus Of Sugar Estimation

London, June 1.

The International Sugar Council estimates that there will be a surplus of 317,000 metric tons of sugar over and above the estimated requirements of the world's free export market on August 31, the end of the crop year.

Estimated free market supplies on that date are set at 4,617,000 tons against estimated requirements of 4,300,000 tons. These figures were reported after the Council met in London last week. Representatives of 16 Governments attended.

Free market figures for year's end estimated supplies at 4,618,000 tons against requirements of 4,314,000 tons.

A Council communique pointed out that neither supply estimate took account of reduced US quotas for 1948 which were cut by 500,000 short tons last week. That amount of Cuban sugar, therefore, may be available in the market, the communique said.

It emphasised that requirements for some European countries were still tentative pending final decisions on how much sugar these countries would get under the European Recovery Programme.

The world dollar shortage rather than lessened demand was mainly responsible for the requirement estimates being lower than pre-war figures, the communique said.

"Many countries would buy more sugar if they could afford to do so, particularly those countries where consumption is still limited by rationing," it said.—Associated Press.

CONSCRIPTION IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, June 1.

The conscription service in the Rumanian Army was raised from 18 months to two years today. Press reports on the decree, which was issued by the Government President and published in the official Gazette today, said it showed the Government wanted to provide soldiers with a high level of professional and cultural efficiency.—United Press.

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TRUNK MURDER IN MAIDENHEAD

Maidenhead, June 1.

Police found the trussed body of wealthy Mrs. Freeman Len, 59-year-old reclusive, today in a trunk standing in the front hall of her 18-room home at Maidenhead.

She had been slain, police said, before her body was put in the trunk, probably last Saturday. They said robbery was the probable motive for the crime.

Neighbours noticed three days' milk was standing on the doorstep and called the police. Mrs. Lee lived alone in the large house the rooms of which were in disorder. A neighbour said she believed Mrs. Lee was born in America.—Associated Press.

AMERICA SCEPTICAL OF SAIGON SET-UP

Washington, June 1.

United States officials were understood to take a somewhat sceptical view of the new provisional Vietnam Central Government of Indo-China, which reportedly will be proclaimed on June 5 aboard the French cruiser Douguy Trouin in the Bay of Along.

They were said to be awaiting fuller information as to the composition and system of the government before deciding whether it is what it claims to be—an independent central government—or merely a "front" for the French Government.

The fact that it does not include many of the dissidents who have been most active in the long resistance of Ho Chi Minh's Vietnam group to the reimposition of French rule over Indo-China inclines some persons to the latter view.

Not much is known here of General Nguyen Van Xuan, who reportedly will be Premier of the new Government, except that he is an Annamese who is also a General in the French Army.

Informed sources here assumed, on the basis of unofficial reports, that the French would accord recognition of some sort to the new Government.

However, the United States will not follow with "de facto" recognition, as it did in the case of Indonesia.

Instead, it will await further information which would more clearly indicate just what the new Government is and how representative it is of the Indo-Chinese people.—United Press.

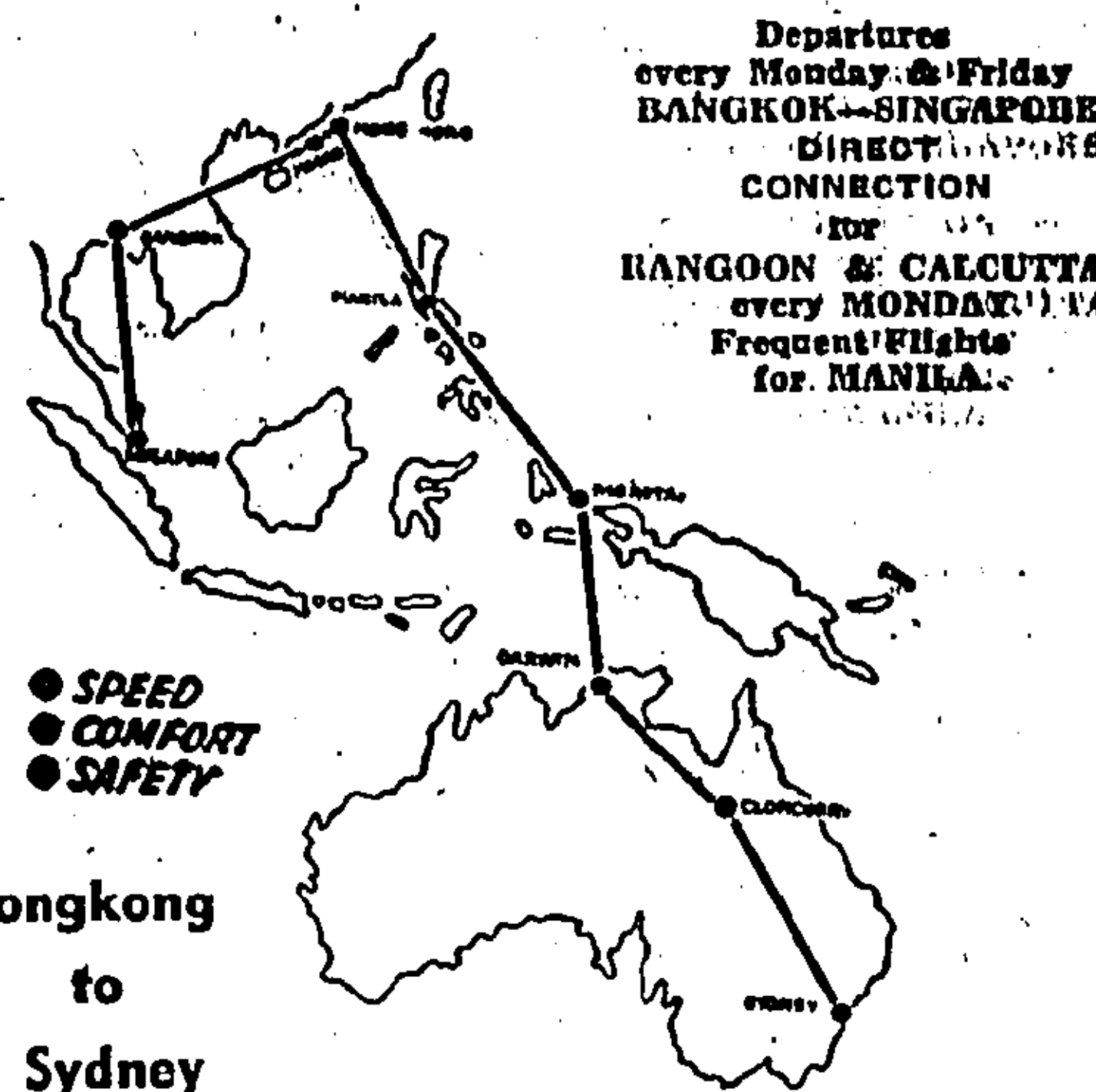
INTIMIDATION

Berlin, June 1.

A British Military Government spokesman said today that Berlin Communists were using intimidation to obtain signatures to their "people's petition" for German unity.

Circulation of the petitions has been banned in the American and French sectors of Berlin as a "propaganda trick" but is being permitted in the British sector.—Associated Press.

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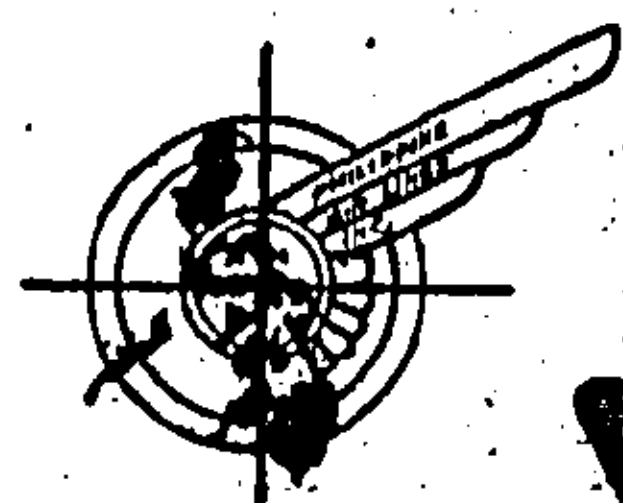
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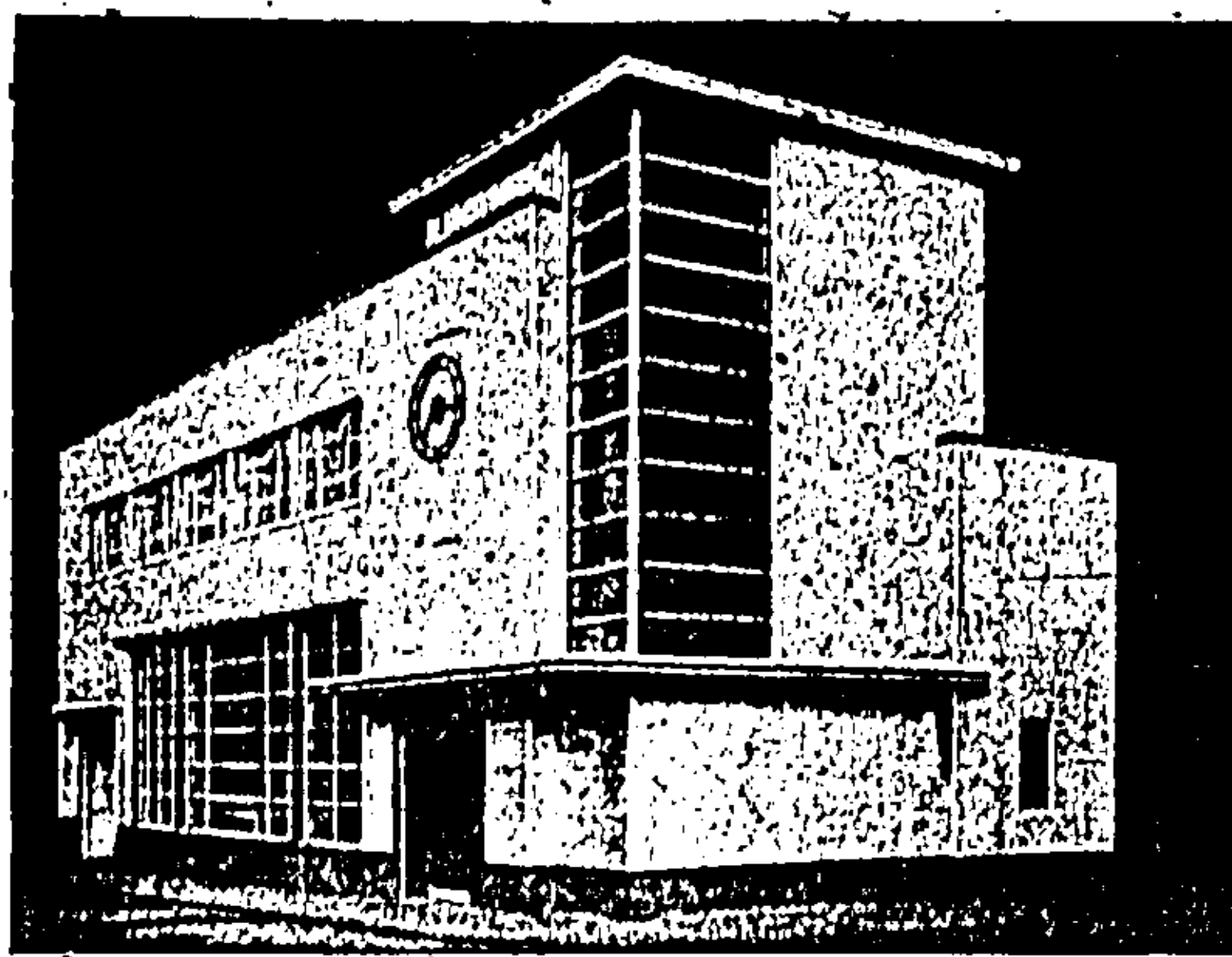
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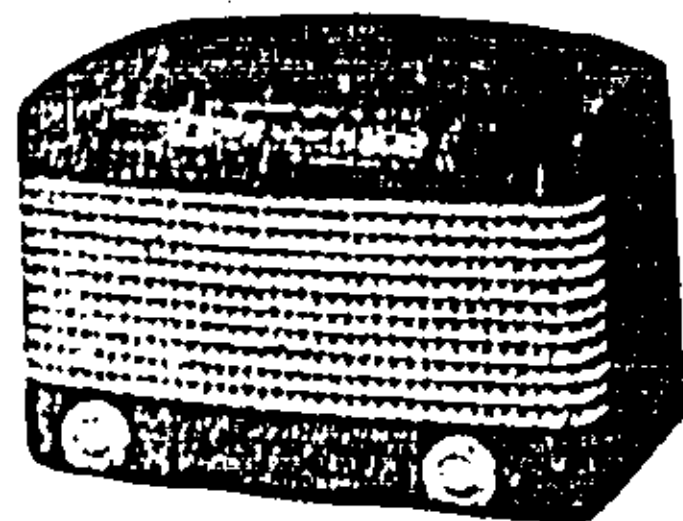
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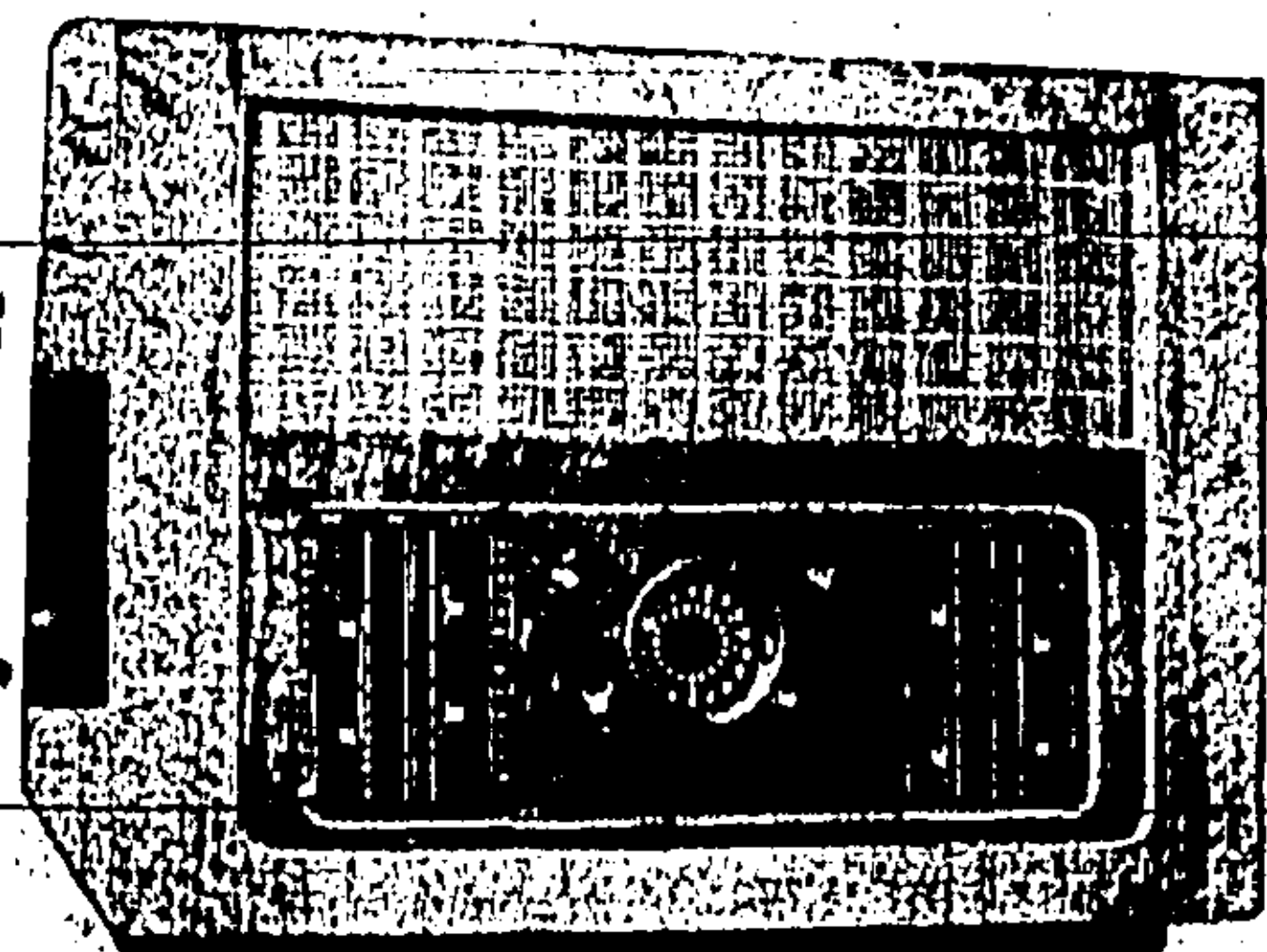
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TROPICAL ROOF CONSTRUCTION

Some of the firms which have been engaged on the production of "Arcon" temporary prefabricated houses have now introduced a light-weight easily transported and easily erected roof to meet the requirements of engineers concerned with colonial development. The roof is known by the same name, "Arcon," and is distributed by Messrs. Taylor Woodrow Construction Limited, 25, Wilton-road, London, S.W.1. While reasonably satisfactory materials for walls and floors are usually available overseas, it is contended that there is often some difficulty in roofing a building. The Arcon roof will, it is hoped, meet this demand.

The supporting posts, or columns, and the frame of the roof, in bays of 30-ft. span and 10-ft. long, are made of steel tubes. The columns provide a height to the eaves of 7-ft. 6 in. Each is inserted in a concrete foundation to a depth of about 1 ft., and has an arrangement of flanges at the top for attaching to the truss and purlins. The rafters of the trusses are arched to form a ridge roof, and the

lower tie-beam is also arched. Each truss consists of two symmetrical triangular frames, known as half-trusses and fabricated with lattice bracing from steel tubes. Two half-trusses are joined directly at the lower centre corners, and by a bracing tube at the upper centre corners, to form a complete truss. The outer corner of each half-truss is bolted to the top of a column. In each bay there are eight purlins attached to the rafters, seven purlins attached to the tie-beams, and a purlin at each eave. Corrugated asbestos-cement sheets are fastened to the upper purlins, over the whole area of the roof, to form an outer roof, and the under side of the lower purlins to form an inner roof. The latter sheets do not extend as far as the eaves, but a space is formed between the upper and lower sheets which permits air to circulate in the roof.

The material required for erecting a three-bay structure, 30 ft. by 30 ft., weighs approximately 5 tons, and consists of eight columns, 105 lb. each; 51 purlins, 47 lb. each; four truss braces, eight half-trusses, 187 lb. each; 54 straight sheets and 18 curved sheets; and three bags of bolts. The framing, without sheets, can be erected by unskilled labour in approximately 50 man-hours. All steel members are protected by hot-dip galvanising. The Arcon tropical roof is thus highly resistant to atmospheric corrosion; it is also designed to prevent insects from attacking the material of the structure or infesting the roof. It can be used for a variety of purposes, such as offices, warehouses, schools, bungalows, hostels, etc., and by erecting walls up to the edges of the inner roof, a verandah is provided, and the circulation of air in the roof ensures cool conditions inside the building. The principal components of Arcon roofs are manufactured by Messrs. Stewarts and Lloyds, Limited, and Messrs. Turners Asbestos Cements Co., Ltd.

New ICI Development

More than £32,500,000 worth of goods were exported by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the big United Kingdom chemical group, in 1947. This is disclosed in the Company's annual report.

The report lays stress on the importance of increasing competitive efficiency in export fields. Lord McGowan, the Chairman, emphasising that "British industry will have to stand or fall by its own efficiency and its capacity to produce goods at competitive prices."

The Company's policy "throughout the war and since" has been "to keep prices as low as possible." The immense amount of development work carried out by the I.C.I. in 1947 is shown by the statement that the value of fixed assets increased from approximately £70,000,000 to £84,000,000 during the year. One scheme in which particularly promising progress has been made is the £17,000,000 petroleum chemical works at Wilton, North England. Here, construction is stated to be well ahead and the first plants—scheduled to produce perspex for the plastics industry—will be in production before the end of this year. Therefore, constructional work will be concentrated on a plant to crack petroleum for the manufacture of chemicals.

While the cracking of crude petroleum is not a recent development, since the oil industry cracks millions of tons yearly, whereas the oil industry applies the process mainly for the production of motorcar and aviation fuel, Wilton's object is to use petroleum as a source from which to manufacture a wide range of essential chemicals such as solvents for paints, cellulose, lacquer for cars, saccharing drugs, anti-material, paludrine, fibres such as nylon and dyestuffs.

AN AIRCRAFT BRAIN

Britain

now has a new and British-designed electric automatic aircraft pilot. It has been developed by Smith's Aircraft Instruments, and could be used for complete automatic flights. This auto-pilot uses a new system called "Rate-Rate" control which, it is claimed, eliminates the danger of gyro tumbling and the need for engaging mechanisms. The detecting elements are contained in the gyro unit; this has three identical and interchangeable gyroscopes which measure the rate of turn of the aircraft about the vertical and horizontal axes. Separate electric servomotors are employed to control rudders, ailerons and elevators, and each is connected through its amplifier channel to the appropriate gyroscopes. The gyrosignal is fed to the amplifier and back to the gyro by a signal proportional to motor speed from a feed-back generator on the servo-motor rotor shaft; thus, the rate of movement of the control surface is made proportional to the rate of turn of the aircraft.



about the corresponding axis. Use of this "Rate-Rate" control is distinct from displacement control and displacement feedback used on conventional auto-pilots marks a great advance in technique.

PICTURE SHOWS the new all-electric automatic aircraft pilot installed in an Avro aircraft.

Decca Navigator Extension

A new Decca navigator which can be operated on liners and other deep sea vessels was announced recently by Lloyd's List.

Use of this British system, considered one of the most accurate in the world, has hitherto been confined mainly to coasting and short sea-vessels. Its extension to ocean-going vessels has been made possible by the introduction of an additional feature known as the lane identification system. This will enable ships to switch from one chain of Decca stations to another by rotation of a simple switch and automatically receive signals indicating the ship's position.

On completion of the Danish chain of Decca stations this summer this new receiver will make it possible for ships to use both the English and Danish chains and to obtain full service of the Decca navigator system from Ushant to the Southern Baltic. Particularly, ocean-going vessels entering the Western Approaches will have automatic indication of their position on the last and most difficult stages of their voyages.

The Decca system is at present used by a wide variety of vessels from large passenger ships to small steam trawlers of some 150 tons.

Degree Of Accuracy

The system enables a navigator to tell his true dead course by a simple reading of two dials—no other instrument is necessary. At present, accuracy to within 300 yards at a distance of 200 miles is claimed, an extreme range of 1,500 miles giving accuracy of half a mile in daylight and two miles after dark.

Decca's wide range of application is indicated by a report published in last week's "Syren" on a recent trial installation in a North Sea fishing trawler.

This was the first test of the system by a British fishing trawler and the skipper reported that the extreme accuracy of the Decca navigator in fixing his position enabled him to pick up fishing grounds in the shortest possible steaming time. On one occasion he had been able to make at least three hauls before other vessels, which left port at

the same time, had reached the fishing ground. During one trip there was a dense fog for four days but despite this the Decca system enabled him to keep his position absolutely on the fishing grounds. He described the navigator as the "finest aid to fishing which I have so far experienced."

The trial was so successful that six further fishing trawlers are being equipped immediately. It is anticipated that large numbers of other vessels will be similarly equipped with Decca in the near future.

NO 'IDEA SHORTAGE' AT BIRMINGHAM

A tour of the Birmingham station of the British Inventions Fair in search of new ideas among the exhibits quickly produced a bag of a dozen, testify to the ingenuity and skill of Britain's manufacturers.

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1. An aluminium beer-barrel which, because of its lightness, will speed-up deliveries of beer from brewery to publican.
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4. A patented "cork" cement flooring composition in which liquid colours have been incorporated. The floor is warm, silent, and waterproof.
5. A combined file and saw of specially treated steel wire with non-clogging teeth.

6. For dairy farmers, a vacuum cooler by means of which milk goes direct from the cow to the churn without being exposed to the air at any time.
7. Corrosion-proof tubes for sea-water pipelings on board ship where conditions of service would make other types of tube liable to corrosion and erosion.
8. A mobile safety saw which halves the cost of cutting pits, props, posts, and firewood, and doubles the output.
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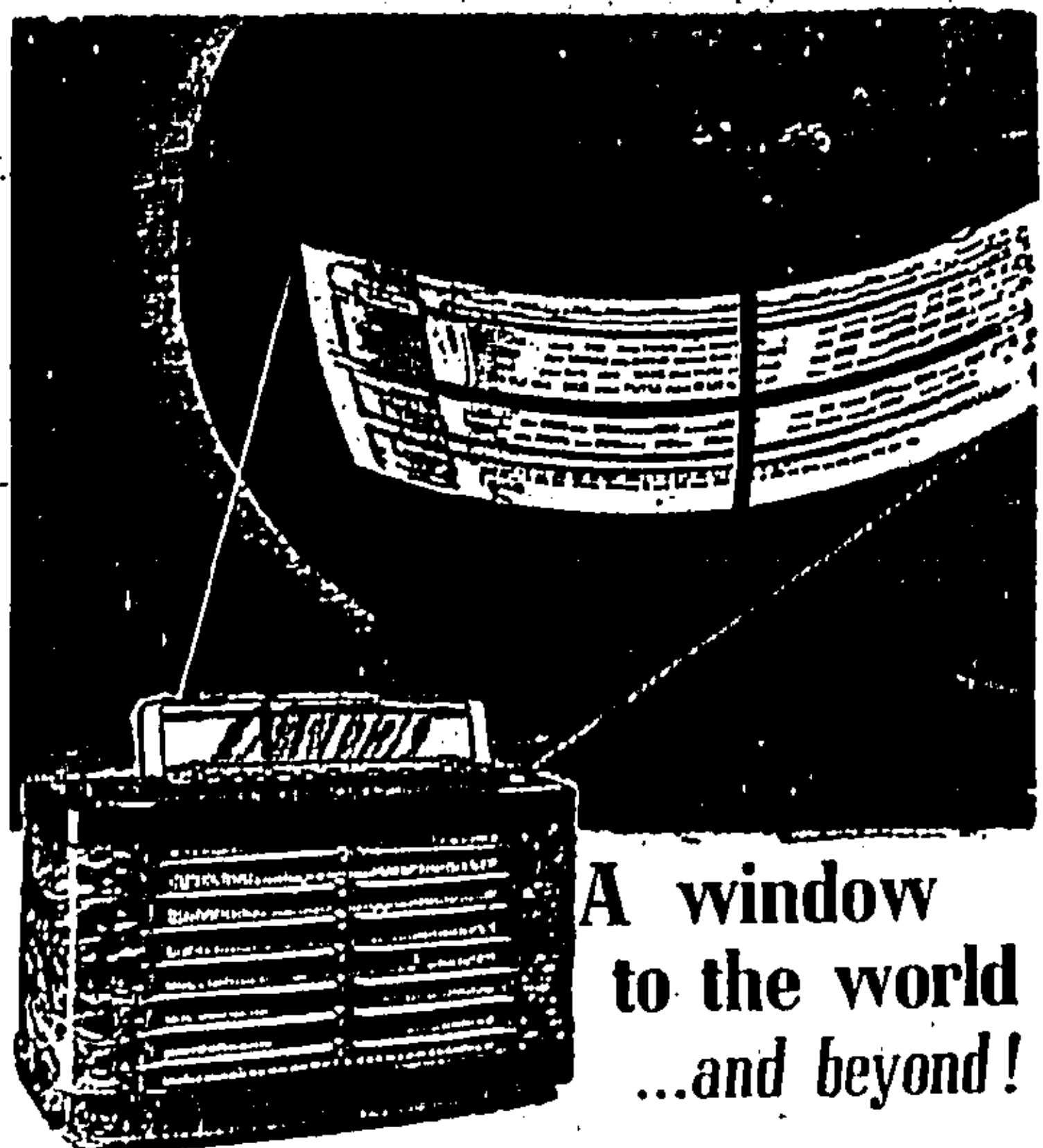
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HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE ON THE DEATH PENALTY Effect Of Abolition In The Colonies BILL'S REJECTION EXPECTED

London, June 1.
Lord Llewellyn, moving in the House of Lords today rejection of a House of Commons proposal to suspend the death penalty for murder in Britain, cited the ritual murders on the Gold Coast as one of the reasons for retaining it.

Abolition, he said, was bound to have repercussions in the British colonies. "You cannot have one law for those with white skins and a different law for those with coloured skins," he said, amid the cheers of a packed Chamber.

If the death penalty was abolished, it would result in the people of some colonies taking the law into their own hands. There would be more ritual and tribal feuds, which Britain was trying to stamp out.

Lord Llewellyn, a Conservative peer, said if the death penalty was not a deterrent—why keep it as a punishment for treason?

A vote on Lord Llewellyn's motion to reject the no-hanging clause in a Bill to reform the British penal system will be taken tomorrow. So many peers wished to speak that the debate had to be extended to two days.

The no-hanging clause, which suspends the death penalty for murder for a trial period of five years, was inserted in the Bill by the House of Commons last April.

A Compromise

The Government is against abolition in the crime wave which has followed the war, but granted the House of Commons a free vote because it considered it a non-party matter and one of conscience.

The House of Lords, where the Opposition has an overwhelming majority, are expected to reject the no-hanging clause. The Bill will then go back to the House of Commons for reconsideration.

The Government has stated that it is bound to support a decision taken by the Commons, even though it disagrees with it, but it has been suggested, writes Reuters Parliamentary correspondent, that a compromise might be reached by retaining the death penalty for a second murder.

Since the House of Commons decision on abolition, all convicted murderers have had their sentences commuted. Two former Home Secretaries, the Home Secretary has the power to reprieve a man sentenced to death—look opposite views today.

Totalitarian

Lord Samuel, leader of the Liberals in the House of Lords, thought that the death penalty should be retained for certain crimes, such as political assassination; murder of the police or members of the public who

Czech Arms For Palestine

Washington, June 1.
Both sides in the struggle in Palestine are trying to buy arms in Czechoslovakia, diplomatic quarters here claimed today.

Press reports said some arms may already be on the way to Israel from Prague.

Diplomatic quarters had no confirmation of this report by Mr. Hanson Baldwin, military correspondent of the New York Times, as well as clandestinely from the United States.

The reliability of the latter point is supported by the fact that some men were arrested in New Jersey several days ago, Reuters.

help to apprehend criminals; carefully premeditated murders.

On the other hand, Lord Templewood, Conservative, wanted to see the abolition of execution. The great majority of murderers "whose sentences had been commuted had made good," he said. "Out of 174 cases, only 15 had been convicted again, and only one was guilty of a subsequent murder."

"It is dangerous even with 'human monsters' to say they must be eliminated," he said. "It goes far too near the totalitarian argument which eliminates people and, indeed, races, for this or that reason. I would hesitate to exterminate any human being."

Dr. Fisher's View

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, said the Government was proposing to legislate against its own convictions. "As in some other instances, the Government has got itself and everyone of us into trouble by well-intentioned but hasty, ill-considered actions," he said.

Saying that he spoke for himself and not for the Church, the Archbishop declared that the weight of experience and argument was against abolition at this time.

The debate was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuters.

"Dark Forces" In South Africa

New York, June 1.

The Herald-Tribune, commenting on Jan Smuts' election defeat, said today:

"For a good many years now Jan Christian Smuts has been the Grand Old Man of South African politics. And he has been something more than that—to the world outside he has been the vital many-sided personality and symbol of what is strong and mature of the complex nation he represented so well."

"The drama of the career of this Afrikaner was the drama of his own land. And his defeat at the age of 78 is more than a personal tragedy. Indeed for this philosopher in politics it is doubtful whether his defeat constitutes a tragedy at all."

"But for his country the adverse verdict is a very grave matter. The major issue on which the South African election was fought was the racial question. Smuts' programme of reform in racial matters was very mild from the standpoint of nations outside Africa."

"But apparently it was too radical for a majority of South Africans and the result of the

Basic Ration Returns

London, June 1.
The standard "basic" petrol ration for all British car owners returned today after over seven months' suspension, but few motorists were seen on the roads.

The new ration allows 90 miles motoring per month and reports indicated most owners were saving up their coupons for week-ends or holidays.

The "basic" ration was abolished last autumn as part of the "austerity" campaign.—Reuters.

CONTROLS TO VANISH

Canberra, June 1.
Mr. Joseph Cahill, the Prime Minister, announced today that the Government has decided, in view of the referendum defeat on Federal price controls, to relinquish control of rents within three months and land sale control within three months.

The state governments, he said, had been invited to set up machinery for administering these controls.

Voters had been asked to approve an amendment to the Commonwealth constitution, enabling the Federal Government permanently to assume the rent and price control powers, taken over during the war.—Reuters.

CIVIL DEFENCE IN BRITAIN

London, June 1.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, told the House of Commons today that the Government was examining all aspects of civil defence in the event of another war.

Mr. Attlee said legislation dealing with certain points was being prepared.—United Press.

British Zone Not To Have Minister

London, June 1.
This changed conditions in the British Zone of Germany made unnecessary the appointment of a successor to Lord Pakenham, former Minister responsible for the British Zones of Germany and Austria, it was considered in well-informed quarters in London today.

Lord Pakenham has been appointed Minister of Civil Aviation. Political quarters here pointed to the increasing integration of the British and United States zones of occupation and the prospect that, as a result of the recommendations reached by the six-power London Conference on Germany, the British Zone will now require the full time attention of a Minister.

On the official side, the present head of the German Department of the Foreign Office, Sir William Strang, will remain responsible.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, retains overall responsibility and can delegate the task of answering questions to either of his lieutenants, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, or Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuters.

COINS TURNED TO LEAD

Clermont-Ferrand,

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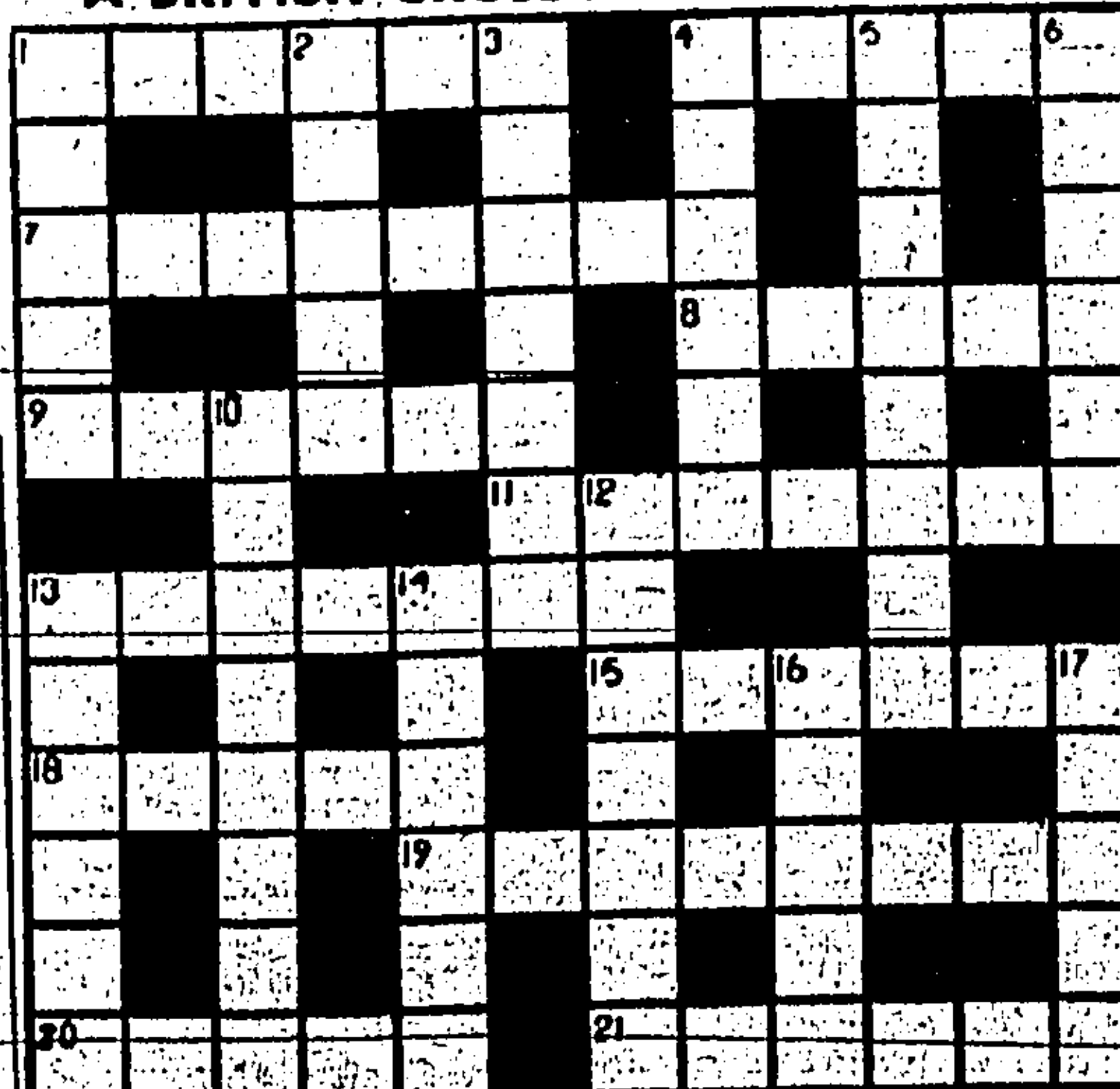
Antoine Marignani, professional magician, was under arrest here today, charged with turning more than 2,000,000 francs worth of gold coins into lead slugs in a private performance.

The police brigade of Clermont-Ferrand arrested Marignani and his friend, Alexandre Gibault, on the complaint of the proprietor of the Royal Hotel. The hotel man charged that the pair approached him last month with an offer to buy his establishment.

They allegedly told the hotel man they had a stack of gold which they wanted to exchange for banknotes. The gold coins were duly counted out before a bank representative, who handed over paper money.

When the banker opened the sack of "coins," he found only lead slugs which Marignani allegedly had substituted for the real thing in the sleight-of-hand manoeuvre.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

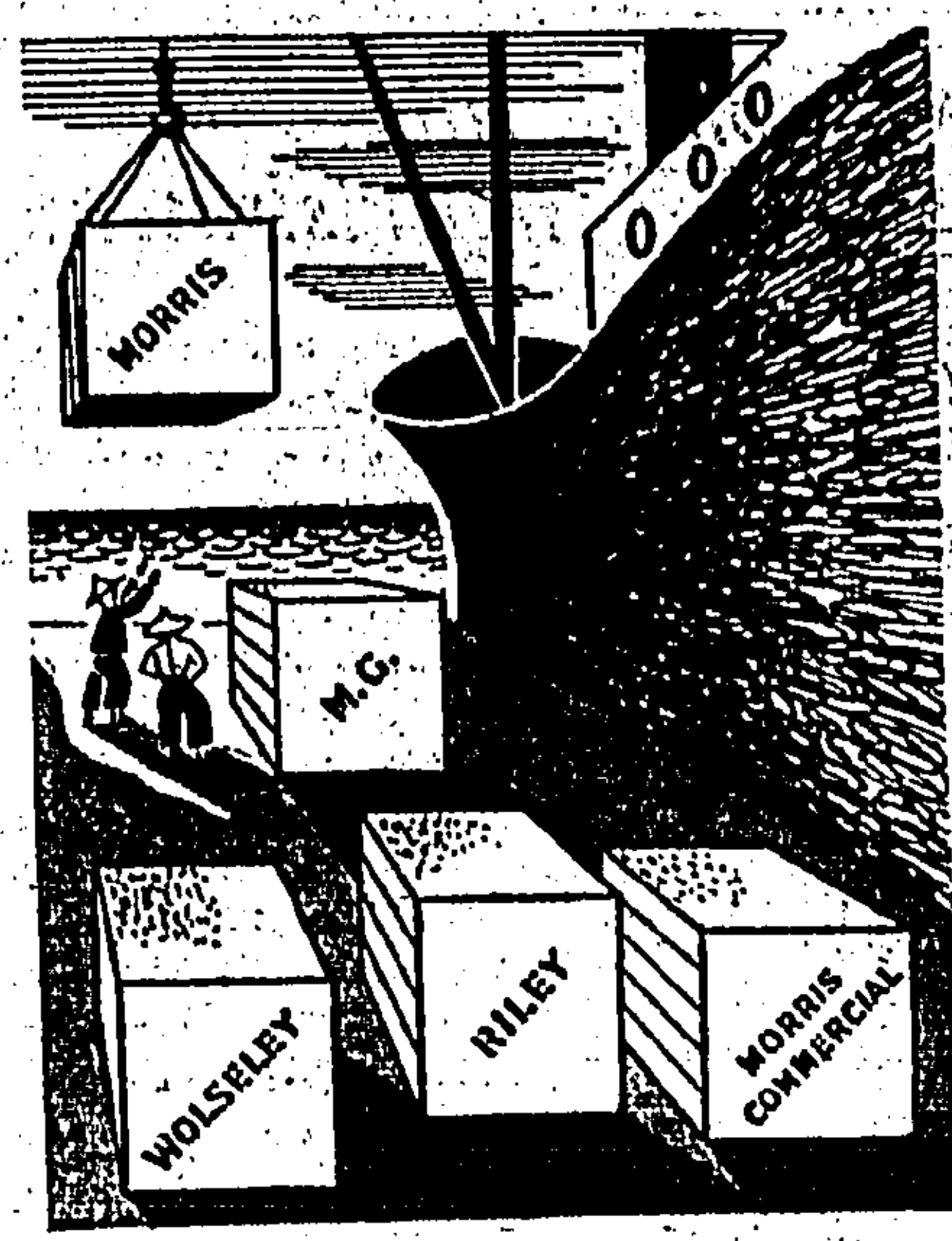
- 1 Method.
- 4 Crest.
- 7 Remembered.
- 8 Precise.
- 9 Entertain.
- 11 Enticed.
- 12 Park.
- 15 Judicial decision.
- 16 Wanders.
- 19 Awful.
- 20 Exorbitant.
- 21 Dab.

Clues Down

- 1 Fragment.
- 2 Traffic.
- 3 Half-breed.
- 4 Ransom.
- 5 Container for wine.
- 6 Delighted.
- 10 Changeable.
- 12 Ratify.
- 13 Permeable.
- 14 Part of the fool.
- 16 Brittle.
- 17 Incident.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Boss, 2. Riotous, 3. Halo, 4. Sporan, 5. Rake, 6. Fore, 7. Sledge, 8. Axes, 9. Stern, 10. Theorem, 11. Stand, 12. Vote, 13. Gambled, 14. Ache, 15. Vent, 16. Central, 17. Turn.
- Down: 1. Orator, 2. Stores, 3. Impels, 4. Tired, 5. Usage, 6. Part, 7. Rifle, 8. Glee, 9. Send, 10. Severe, 11. Great, 12. Tasher, 13. Heave, 14. Drift, 15. Model.



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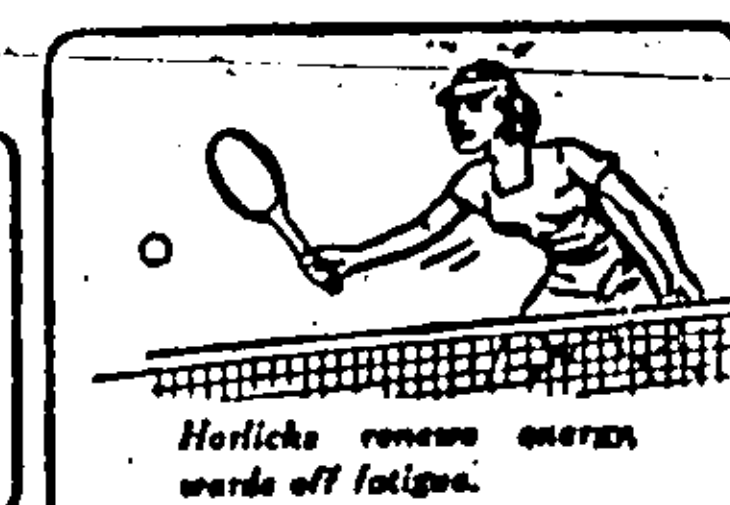


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One-Month Cessation Of JEWIS MAKE RESERVATION ON IMPORT OF ARMS

London, June 1.

The Provisional Government of Israel and the Arab League have informed the United Nations Security Council that they accept the Council's order for a one-month truce in Palestine.

Official Syrian sources in Damascus, however, said tonight that fighting would continue in the Holy Land during present negotiations between the Arab leaders and the Security Council, and the Arab meeting in Amman will in their negotiations try to guarantee that Arab military efforts have not been in vain.

Israel accepted the Council's call to cease fire when its Government called on all Jewish forces to stop firing as from 0300 Palestine time tomorrow, provided the Arabs do likewise.

The Arabs accepted the truce when Faris Bey Al Kheury, Syrian delegate to the United Nations and President of the Security Council this month, received a cable from the Arab states, declaring their acceptance and promising a detailed reply by cable later today.

The Jews, in their reply, said the cease-fire order to Israel's forces had been given on the assumption:—
1—The ban on the import of arms to Arab countries, proposed by the Council during a one-month truce, shall apply to delivery from stocks owned or controlled by foreign powers within the territories of the Arab states;
2—During the cease-fire the armed forces of neither side shall seek to advance beyond the areas they now hold, and each

side shall be entitled to maintain their present positions.

War Goes On

While both Jews and Arabs have informed the Council of their willingness to abide by a truce, earlier reports today indicated that Israeli forces have reached the Mediterranean at Natchanya, thus cutting communication between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Arab Legion shelling of Jewish positions in Jerusalem meanwhile continued today. Only interruptions occurred when the Arab gunners stopped shelling the Hebrew University after lunch when a two-hour truce was arranged to evacuate 100 seriously wounded Arabs from the French Hospital in the Old City.

Israeli troops today stood around Tel Aviv in a semi-circle 11 to 14 kilometres away and with Arab irregulars recaptured the main water pumping station on the pipeline to Jerusalem, about 11 kilometres from the Jewish capital.

An Iraqi communique also claimed that the Jews retreated in panic from Kfar Yona, about three kilometres east of the Tel Aviv-Haifa Road, leaving a number of dead and injured. The Hagana commander was killed, it was stated.

Egyptian forces, meanwhile, are attacking all Jewish colonies on the 25-mile stretch of the Palestine coast between Isdud to the south and Tel Aviv.

Egyptian planes bombed Jewish Kfar Yona, about 10 miles south-east of the Jewish capital, leaving it in flames.—Reuter.

Soviet Consulate In Java

Prague, June 1.
The representative here of the Indonesian Government, Mr. Suriano, who concluded an agreement with the Soviet Embassy here on May 22 for the establishment of consular relations, said to-day he had heard reports that he was to be asked to return, but had not received any official word.

His Government had not informed him about any arrangements with the United Nations good offices committee to prevent the Republic from establishing independent relations with foreign countries.
Asked whether the exchange of consuls would contravene any agreement through the good offices committee, he said he believed it might be taken as a simple matter of establishing contacts without involving "recognition" on a diplomatic level.
Earlier, Mr. Suriano, known as an Information Officer in Prague, said he was appointed by Dr. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, as "special envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary" to establish relations with the Soviet Union and the governments of Central and Eastern Europe.—Reuter.

Supply Route To Germany

London, June 1.
The Netherlands and Belgium have been invited by the Anglo-American bilateral authorities in Germany to start fresh talks on the use of Rotterdam and Antwerp for the transit of goods destined for the Anglo-American Zone.
The talks held last summer between the Anglo-American authorities and the Dutch and Belgian representatives led to a provisional agreement. But this agreement, though accepted by the Dutch and Belgian Governments, was never approved by Britain and the United States.

The main point of disagreement has been the question of the cost in dollars of transit through the Dutch and Belgian ports compared with the cost of transit through the German ports of Hamburg and Bremen.
Informed quarters here believe the development of the European recovery programme within the last year, may now make it possible to reach an agreement on this issue.—Reuter.

NAVAL TRAGEDY

Norfolk, June 1.
Nine United States Marines and 18 Navy men perished when a Navy launch was swamped in choppy waters when returning to their ship after Memorial Day leave here last night. It was officially announced today.—Reuter.

US Call To Soviet

Washington, June 1.
In a diplomatic note delivered to the Soviet Embassy today, the United States called on Soviet Russia to co-operate in settling the Trieste problem. This was the fourth note the United States has sent to Russia since March 20, urging a revision of the Italian peace treaty to return Trieste to Italy.
The reminder today recalled the earlier United States notes, the most recent of which, on April 16, stated the United States "would welcome any suggestions which the Soviet Government might desire to propose" on the settlement of the Trieste problem.—Reuter.

Monarch's Remains To Return

Bangkok, June 1.
Arrangements will soon be made for the return to Siam from England of the ashes of the late King Prachinbong, who abdicated his throne in 1932 after the coup d'etat which established Siam as a constitutional monarchy.
The question as to what honours should be accorded the remains of a former monarch whose death occurred after his abdication was solved by the legal adviser to the Supreme Council of Regency who said that a precedent had been established in this matter with the return to France of the remains of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte from St. Helena.
Although the French Emperor's death took place after his abdication, the "full dignity and honour of a reigning king" were provided for the conveyance of the royal remains to France, the legal adviser pointed out.—United Press.

Complain Because They Can't Cook!

Hamburg, June 1.
Members of the British Wives Committee, representing the interests of more than 700 Army and Control Commission families in Hamburg, today denied British press reports that they intend to make a mass protest to the British Minister of Food on the question of inferior meat and other rations.

Mrs. Tom Walkley, whose husband is an official in the film section, is the secretary of the committee. She said, "We have individual complaints from some families because of the endless scrag end of beef" which is sent month after month.

"Our five-member food committee has received many complaints and suggestions but there is no intention at present of making a mass protest."

A senior spokesman of the Rhine Army Headquarters today said that no official or mass complaints have been received about the quality of meat, the bulk of which comes from Argentina.

A sergeant who supervises the distribution of rations to the doors of 350 Army families in Hamburg reported, "Although the standard of meat is pretty grim we only have an odd five or six families complaining and they do it repeatedly."
The sergeant added, "They are only drawing attention to the fact that their wives cannot cook."—United Press.

Feisal In London

London, June 1.
Emir Feisal, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, arrived in London from New York today, and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin immediately listed a meeting with him on Wednesday morning.
A Foreign Office spokesman said that the two men will probably have a general exchange of views not only on the Palestine and Middle Eastern situations but also on matters specifically affecting their two countries.
There was little likelihood, he added, that the question of revising the 1947 Anglo-Saudi Arabian Treaty will come up.—Associated Press.

Oregon Disaster

REFUGEES FLEE FLOOD AREAS

Portland, Oregon, June 1.

Army engineers tonight ordered the mass evacuation of a 120-mile stretch on the flooded Columbia River, whose swirling waters are swamping the outskirts of this city of 660,000 people.

Many thousands of inhabitants of the affected area—at the lower end of the stream—have already fled, the Army authorities said. The flood has already cost at least 20 lives and more than \$37,000,000 in property losses.

The crest of the torrent, coming hourly nearer, is expected to reach Portland City tonight or early tomorrow. Already, the railway station and some streets are flooded.

The toll of dead will not be known until the waters recede. Two huge dams still resist the mighty force of the Columbia River, swollen by melting snows from the Rocky Mountains.

One of them, the Grand Coulee, the world's largest man-made structure, is 420 miles from here; the other, Bonneville, is 40 miles away.

Threat Increases

Army engineers today ordered all but flood workers out of the area behind the dykes. Thousands of people abandoned their homes and swelled

the stream of refugees fleeing from the area.

They tried to race the waters to the safety of high ground. Transport, communications and electric power are crippled, hampering rescue operations.

The river, in a flood state for 750 miles, it also threatens many small towns at its lower end.

The threat of the waters increased today as the Pacific high tide lent its force to the torrent. Sandbag walls, painfully built with hours of labour, were swept away in minutes.

Army engineers estimated today that \$27,000,000 of damage was done when the tiny war-built town of Vanport was virtually swept away by the torrent. No estimates of casualties have yet been made.—Reuter.

LAST OF THE HOT MOMMAS

London, June 1.
The British press opened its heart today to Sophie Tucker, "last of the Hot Mommas."

The press unanimously hailed her return to the British vaudeville stage last night as a personal triumph second to that scored by Danny Kaye, American screen comedian.

The Times said: "She is a red hot momma and even if we do not quite know what that may be, we can be sure in whatever she says or sings on the stage she never really is anything else. After 40 years in show business what she does not know does not matter."

The News Chronicle said: "Sophie Tucker emerges from a two-year absence from England like an express engine at full steam and full blast coming out of a tunnel. Her sheer power and impact of her warm personality is unimpaired."

The Daily Herald said she "sings better than ever... she had a great triumph."

The Daily Express said: "She is full of fun—chirpy is the word for her."—United Press.

BRITAIN TO AID CEYLON EFFORTS

London, June 1.
Britain has agreed to do "what is possible" to help Ceylon develop her natural resources. This is revealed in a letter from Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the British Treasury, to Ceylon's Minister of Finance, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, published today.

The arrangements made by the financial delegation sent over from Ceylon in April and now confirmed by both Governments concern sterling balances, foodstuffs, economic development and monetary co-operation.

Provision is made for a working balance in Ceylon of £4,000,000, which, in certain circumstances, may be increased by a further £1,000,000.

There will be a release of £3,500,000 which is agreed to be sufficient to cover any foreseeable deficit in Ceylon's balance up to the end of the year.
It was further agreed that if a substantial unforeseen rise in the prices of essential foodstuffs were to occur, the Ceylon Government should be entitled to run down the sum initially provided for working balances and after consultation for an additional £1,000,000.
Detailed other agreements, Mr. Jay declared that Britain is

Newspaper On Trial

Paris, June 1.
The pre-war Paris newspaper, Le Matin, which was the first to reappear after the Nazi occupation, was put on trial in court here today under post-liberation "purge" legislation for "intelligence with the enemy."
If the paper is convicted, its property could be confiscated, the owning company liquidated, and its re-publication forbidden.
Proceedings could also be taken against the responsible director.
Le Matin appeared in June 1946 in Paris, after the war, and was later absorbed by the other press.

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**CHINESE ORDNANCE MISSION
BUYING IN UNITED STATES****Rising Costs Of
Arms Purchases**

Washington, June 1.

A Chinese ordnance mission, here in connection with the United States' US\$125,000,000 military aid programme to China, indicated today the project may not be approved in detail for another three months.

Major General Yang Chi Tseng, China's Chief of Ordnance and head of the mission, said the Nanking Government had submitted to the United States its detailed proposal for using the funds.

"Our proposals may already be in the hands of the State Department," General Yang said in an exclusive interview. "I brought a detailed proposal but its adoption depends upon the availability here of the required materials."

General Yang and his four associates here said they gave the proposal to Chinese Ambassador to Wellington Koo, "who is dealing with the State Department."

"My responsibility is to handle details of the programme," General Yang said. "In the event that what we already have proposed be acquired for China is not available, I have authority to change it."

General Yang and his associates expressed concern about "rising costs of what we proposed to acquire." They indicated they have not been informed yet whether the materials will come from American Government supplies or will be acquired in the commercial market.

"In the latter event, the costs may be heavier and we will get less materials," General Yang said.

He indicated the Nanking Government proposed that its ground forces receive US\$7,500,000 of the US\$87,500,000 of the proffered aid, the Air Force US\$28,000,000 and the Navy US\$9,500,000.

The Chinese mission declined to discuss details of what their Government seeks to obtain in this programme, except to say "an allotment for the Navy is to get spare parts for ships the United States has already supplied."

General Yang said he will remain here until "the programme is perfected" and then would return to China.—Associated Press.

**A GHOST
FROM THE
PAST**

Berlin, June 1.

The British-licensed news agency, DPA, reported today that Heinrich Bruening, German Chancellor just before Hitler seized the country, would arrive in England this month and planned to visit Holland and Germany before returning to the United States.

The Communist press has periodically claimed that Bruening might come back to head a West German government. Moscow Radio and Berlin Communist papers yesterday charged that Bruening, with the help of Germans under the top German Division administrator in Frankfurt, was trying to return to power in Germany.

In Frankfurt, the administrator told the United Press that such charges were completely untrue. He said he had been in contact with Bruening since the war but denied flatly that he had ever received any political directives from him.—United Press.

**Producers Hostile,
Says Lewis**

Washington, June 1.

John L. Lewis argued today that he is not required to bargain with the "hostile, arbitrary" Southern Coal Producers Association.

This was his reply to the Government's motion for a Taft-Hartley Act injunction to compel his United Mine Workers to seek a contract with the Association.

Lewis' lawyers filed a motion to dismiss the injunction suit brought by Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labour Relations Board.

The Taft-Hartley law requires the Unions and Employers to bargain in good faith with each other. Lewis has refused to bargain with the Southern group on the ground it did not take part in the previous contract talks.

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**Assassination Of
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Prague, June 1.

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The official report said Bram was summoned to the door of his home here, and then shot down by a man with a pistol. The killer escaped.

Only the bare announcement of the killing was published in Prague's newspapers. Communist Party headquarters refused to answer any question about it.—Associated Press.

**EX-KING MICHAEL
WEDDING MYSTERY**

London, June 1.

Whether Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma will wed ex-King Michael of Rumania in Athens on Saturday became a deeper mystery today when her mother, Princess Margaret of Denmark, flew home from a 24-hour visit to Michael in Lausanne.

Athens reports that Anne had been taken suddenly ill were denied in Copenhagen, and reporters there watched for a possible attempt to get her away from the city secretly by private plane or motor car.

The couple are due in Athens tomorrow. The ex-King's staff in Lausanne today refused to say when he was to leave for Athens, as Michael wanted all plans to remain hush-hush.

Apart from the fact that she was in good health, nothing was

disclosed today about Princess Anne or her plans, and she herself could not be contacted.

Earlier Athens reports said the religious question—Anne is Roman Catholic and Michael is Greek Orthodox—was holding up the intended marriage.

Authoritative reports from the Vatican said the Roman Catholic Church would not recognise any marriage by Orthodox rites. The Pope has refused a dispensation as Michael has declined to undertake not to interfere in the Catholic education of the children.

Court circles in Athens would neither confirm nor deny the Lausanne reports that Anne has embraced the Orthodox faith.—Reuter.

**MALAN TO FORM
CABINET**

Capetown, June 1.

Nationalist Daniel Malan conferred for 11 minutes today with the Governor-General at Pretoria and announced that he had accepted the task of forming a new Cabinet.—United Press.

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Swiss franc 3.70; Union Latine, 3.675.
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Sovereigns 1900, 2,575; 1900, 2,575.
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JAP TO DIE

Shanghai, June 2.

Another Japanese officer, General S. Tateji, was sentenced to death by a Chinese military tribunal here yesterday for war crimes in China.

He was commander-in-chief of the puppet self-governing United Army in Shantung province during the war.—Reuter.



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Rural Reform

At the same time, Mr. Hoffman revealed that the United States and China were discussing the formation of a five-man rural reconstruction commission, to be composed of two Americans and three Chinese, which will survey

Notice To Consignees

S.S. "AZALEA CITY"

Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

maining undelivered after the 8th JUNE 1948, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the "Godowns", where they will be examined on 7th June, 1948 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.	All claims must reach us before the 1st July, 1948 or they will not be recognized
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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 7-8-1948 at 10 a.m.

No. Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO.,
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HONG KONG, 1st June, 1948

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival or they will not be recognised.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and the goods remaining undelivered after the 4th June, 1948, will be subject to rent.

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